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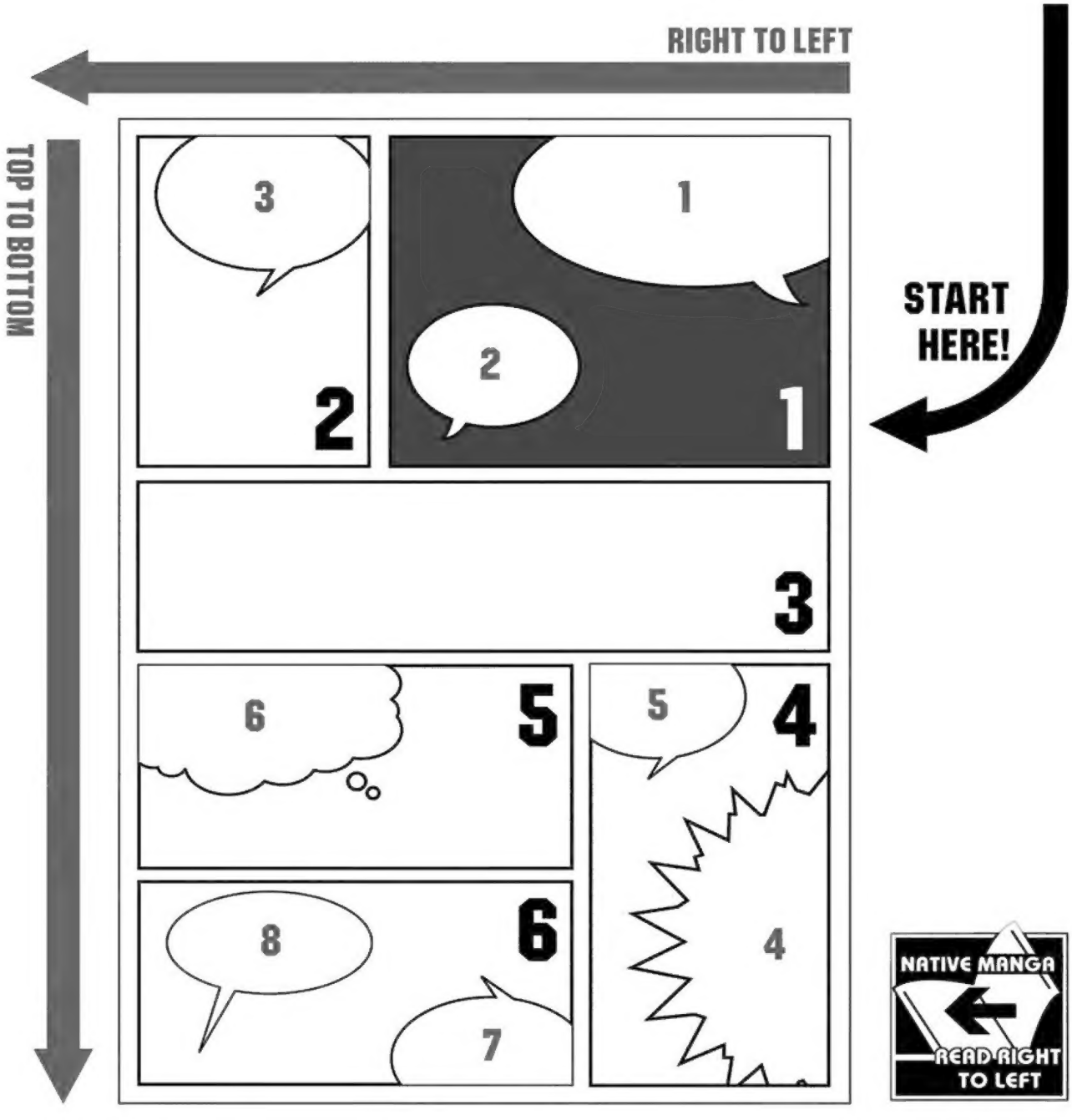
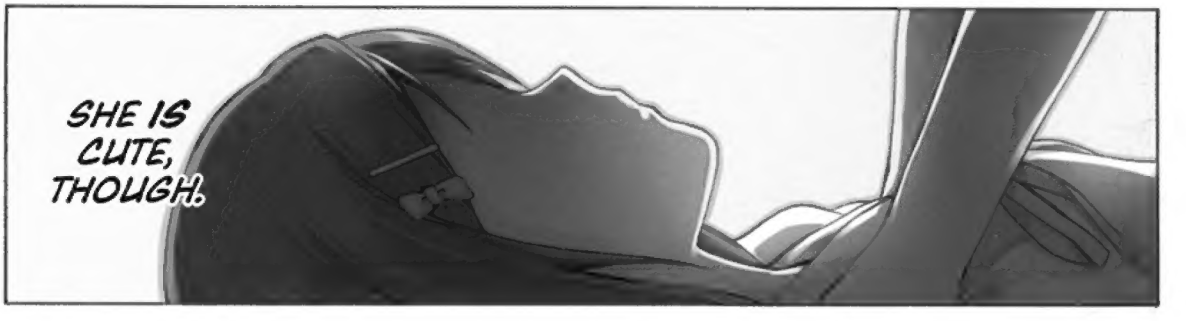
READ EACH PANEL FROM RIGHT TO LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM SEE HOW IT'S DONE BELOW!





HUH? I REMEMBER THIS FEELING.

DELICATE SHOULDERS?

MY ARMS IGNORE MY BRAIN, KEEP HOLDING HER DELICATE SHOULDERS...

EYES THAT ALMOST SUCK YOU IN.

AND MORE THAN ANYTHING, THE GRAVITY OF HER WET EYES.

TINY NOSE, LIPS THE COLOR OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS, STRONG CHIN...

YOU *REALLY* ARE A COMPLETE, TOTAL, PERFECT HENTAI, AREN'T YOU?

THAT'S IT. YOU'RE...

AGAIN?

REALLY?

IS THAT SO?

CHAPTER 1: THE HENTAI AND THE STONY CAT

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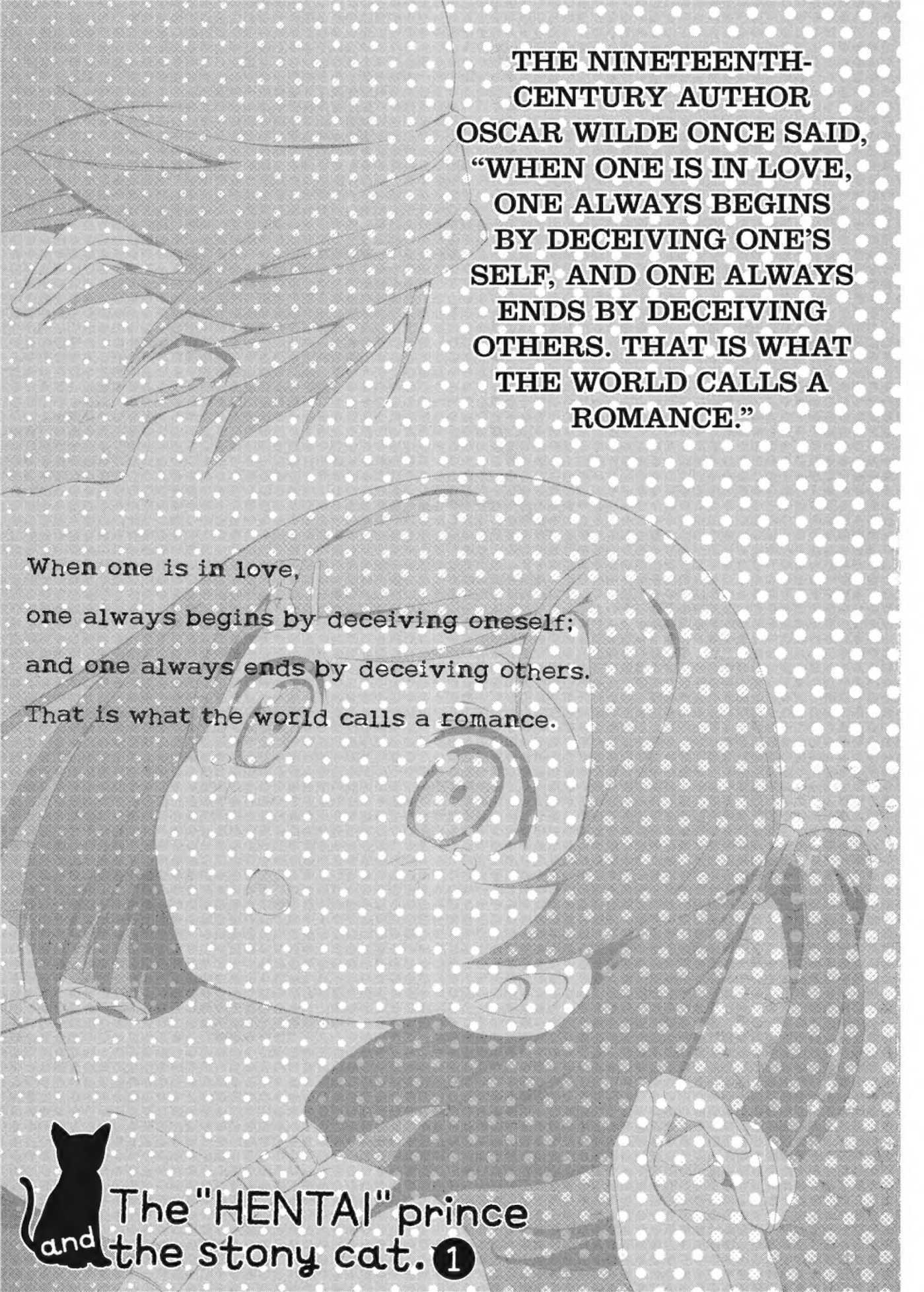
THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY AUTHOR OSCAR WILDE ONCE SAID, "WHEN ONE IS IN LOVE, ONE ALWAYS BEGINS BY DECEIVING ONE'S SELF, AND ONE ALWAYS ENDS BY DECEIVING OTHERS. THAT IS WHAT THE WORLD CALLS A ROMANCE."
When one is in love,
one always begins by deceiving oneself;
and one always ends by deceiving others.
That is what the world calls a romance.
The "HENTAI" prince and the stony cat. 1

The"HENTAI"prince and the stony cat.

変態王子と笑わない猫。

ONE YEAR AND FOUR MONTHS SINCE I JOINED TRACK AND FIELD.
HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR YEAR, SUMMER.
WE WERE CAREFULLY CONSIDERING THE IDEA OF HUMAN IMMORTALITY.
THE APPEAL'S A BONDAGE-LIKE FETISH.
THE LIMBS OF ANGELS PUSHING PAST THE FABRIC TENACIOUSLY...
C'N YOU SEE?
HEY!
もぞ CREEP
もぞ WRIGGLE
A SWIMSUIT FOR COMPETITIVE SWIMMING! LIKE A MAGIC COSTUME!

きゃはっ
HEH HEH HEH
NO, DON'T!
あはは
HEE HEE!
うふふ
AHAHAHA

AH, MAN, THIS IS IT! THIS IS PARADISE!
にょ
GRIN
にょ
GRIN
はぁ
OOH
SIGH
はぁ
LET ME SEE!

BANG
ガキ
GAH

WRIGGLE
SQUIRM
NAH
WHAT WE NEED IS MORE SEXY FRIENDS.
C'MON
MOVE OVER!
PONTA, YOU'VE GOT A MOUNTAIN OF VIDEOS AT YOUR HOUSE!

THE ABSOLUTE MONARCH OF TRACK AND FIELD...
SHHHK
THE RISE OF THE TEAM CAPTAIN!
TH-THIS IS BAD!
HEY! YOKO-DERA!
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.
CRISIS OF A LIFETIME
人生の危機
THE ARROGANT IRON STATUE WHO CRUELLY FORCES US TO PRACTICE EACH DAY. —THEY CALL HER...
OH, HEY.
UH...WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT PEEP—
CAUGHT?!
BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP
ドキドキドキ

NO!
IT'S A THOUGHT EXPERIMENT! WE'RE NOTHING MORE THAN CREATURES IN A MINIATURE GARDEN!
ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE PEEPED AT BY MULTIDIMENSIONAL LIFEFORMS!
HM? I SEE. I DON'T KNOW ...
THE IRON KING...!
PEEPING?
?!
YANK
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE TEAM CAPTAIN!
YOKODERA! YOU'VE GOTTA BE MORE SELF-AWARE!
BANG
HUH ...?!
YOUR GROWTH'S BEEN REMARKABLE. YOU'RE DEFINITELY OUR MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.
HUH?
AND YOU HAVEN'T MISSED PRACTICE SINCE YOU JOINED THE TEAM.
I ALREADY HAD THE IDEA THAT THE NEXT CAPTAIN HAS TO BE A MODEL TEAM MEMBER.

GRRRR
WHAT? YOU OBJECT?
HAVE YOUR SAY. YOUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS GUARANTEED. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR FREEDOM AFTER SPEECH, THOUGH.
CRACK
HUH?
CRACK
I'M GOING TO BE THE NEXT TEAM CAPTAIN?
BUT I ONLY COME EVERY DAY...
...TO GET CLOSER (ONE-SIDEDLY) TO THE GIRLS' SWIMMING TEAM...
TOSS
YOU'RE EXAGGERATING
THIS IS SERIOUS!
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY!
I-IT MAY BE THE IRON KING I'M UP AGAINST, BUT I HAVE TO TELL HER THE TRUTH.
I'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE IF I DON'T!
QUIT WAFFLING! JUST SPIT IT OUT! SPIT IT OUT!
I'M NOT THE PERSON SHE THINKS I AM.
S-SAY IT.
TH-THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY, BUT...
HOW CAN I PUT IT? I, ER...
GONNA—
GONNA SAY IT
GONNA SAY IT
GONNA SAY IT
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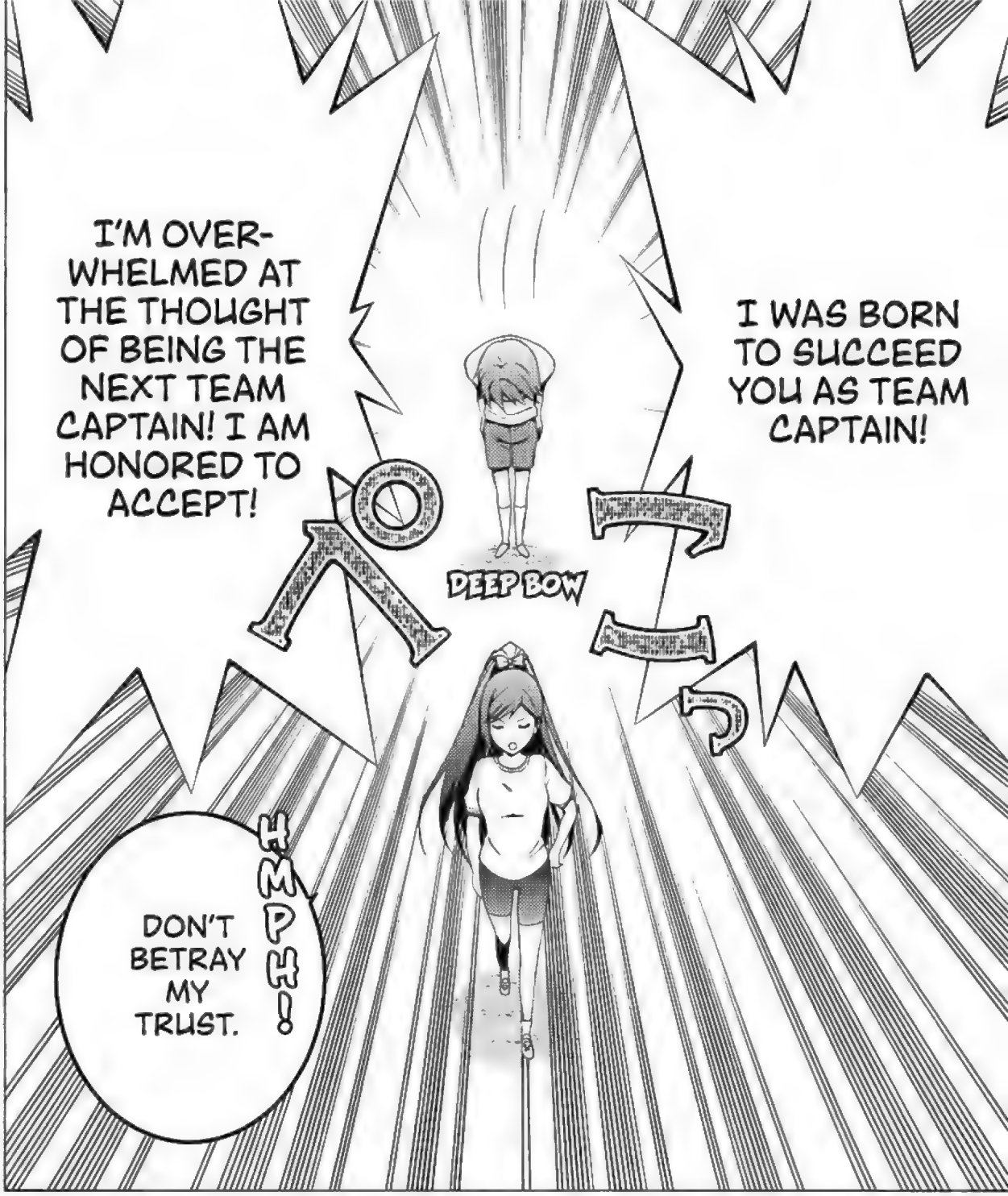
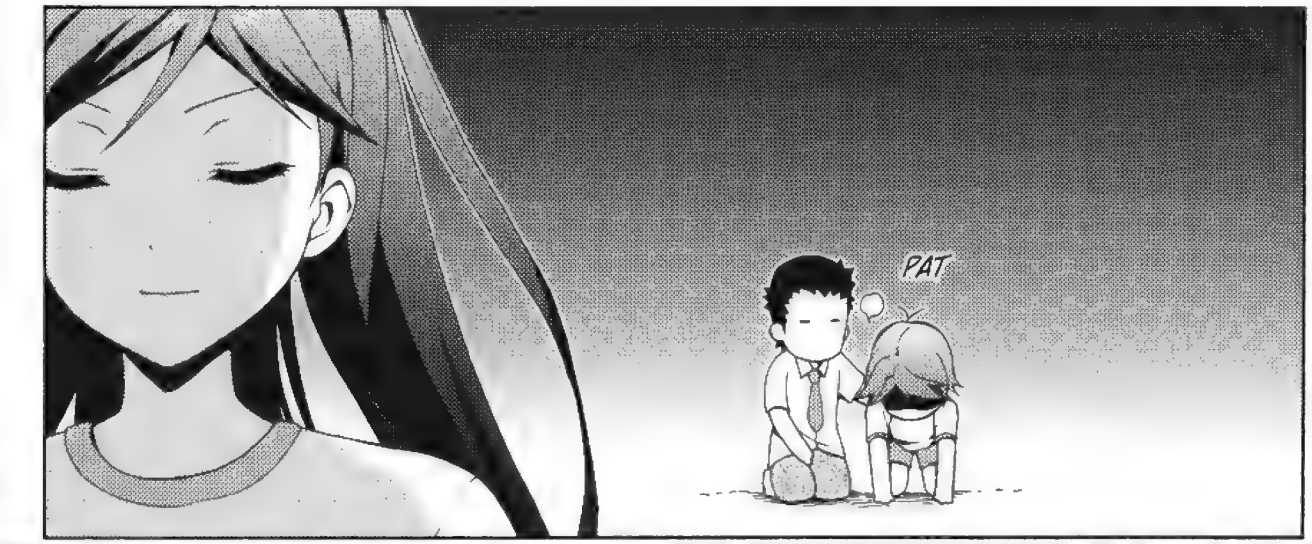
GONNA SAY IT.


I'M OVER-WHELMED AT THE THOUGHT OF BEING THE NEXT TEAM CAPTAIN! I AM HONORED TO ACCEPT!
I WAS BORN TO SUCCEED YOU AS TEAM CAPTAIN!
DEEP BOW
DON'T BETRAY MY TRUST.
HMPH!

...AH!



I'M PRONE TO BEING MISUNDERSTOOD.

I RIDE BY AS FAST AS I CAN, HOPING HER SKIRT'LL BLOW UP, AND...

...FOR SOME REASON, I'M REPORTED ON FOR CATCHING A THIEF IN TOWN.

I PULL WEEDS, TRYING TO PEEK UP A SKIRT, AND...

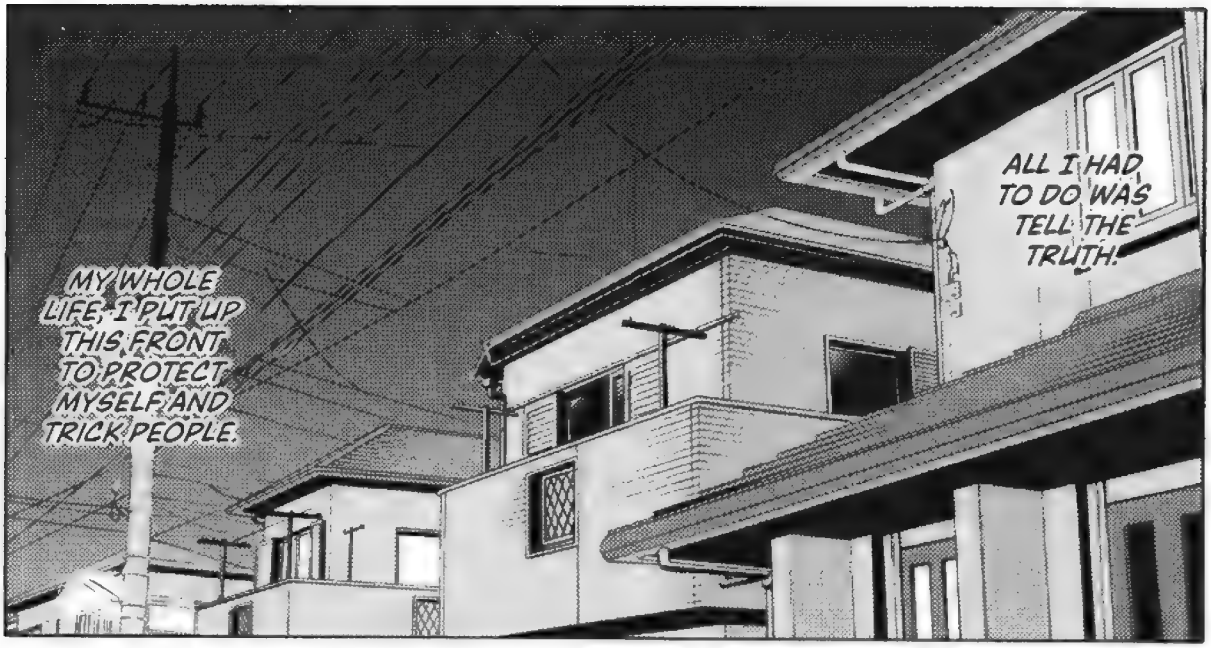
...FOR SOME REASON, I'M INTERVIEWED FOR TRYING TO CLEAN UP THE AREA.

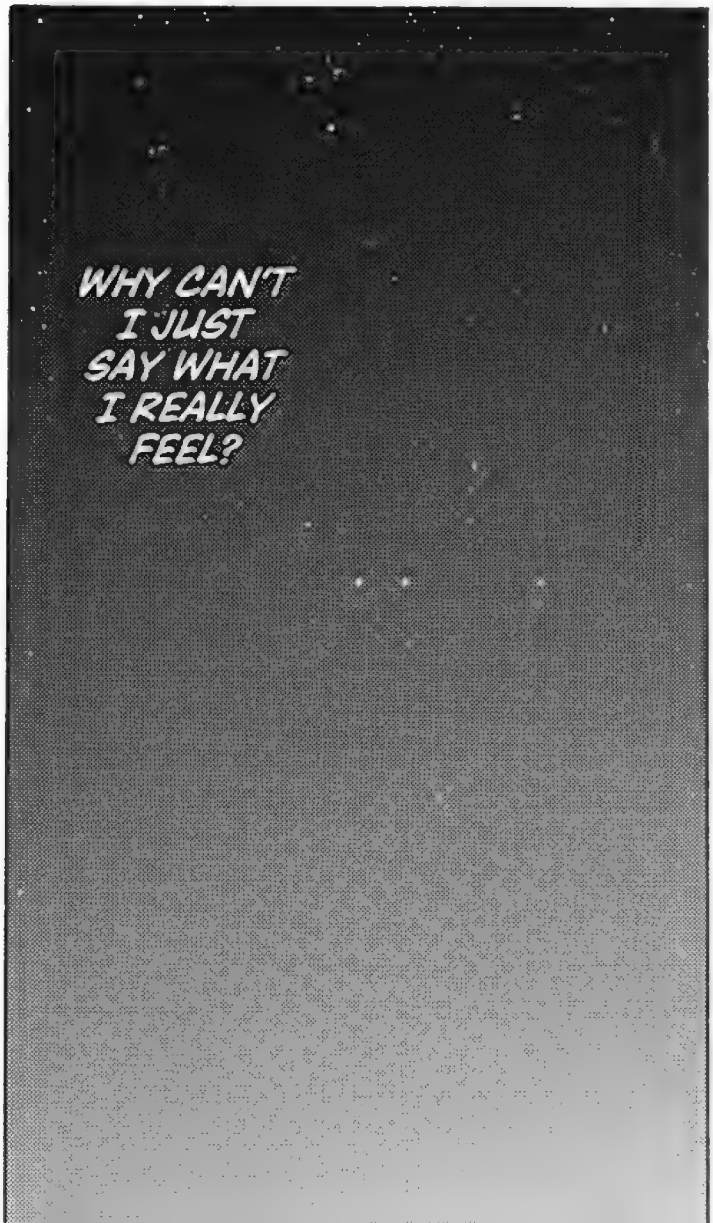
I GO TO WIPE THE FLOOR, EXPECTING THAT THE INSIDE OF HER SKIRT'LL BE REFLECTED IN IT, AND...

...FOR SOME REASON, I GET AN AWARD FOR WORKING TO BEAUTIFY THE SCHOOL.

I WANNA QUIT THE TEAM AND HAVE AN AFTER-SCHOOL RENDEZ-VOUS!
I'LL JUST SAY IT! ALL I WANT IS TO THINK ABOUT GIRLS!

...WELL, I SHOULD'VE REFUSED THEN.
AS CHOOSY AS SHE IS IN LOVE, I KNOW THE IRON KING WILL CONTINUE TO REIGN SEMI-PERMANENTLY EVEN AFTER RETIRING!
WHICH IS WHY ME AS CAPTAIN OF TRACK AND FIELD IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!
RATTLE
ガラ
CLATTER
ガラ
RUMBLE
ガラ


MY WHOLE LIFE, I PUT UP THIS FRONT TO PROTECT MYSELF AND TRICK PEOPLE.
ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TELL THE TRUTH.

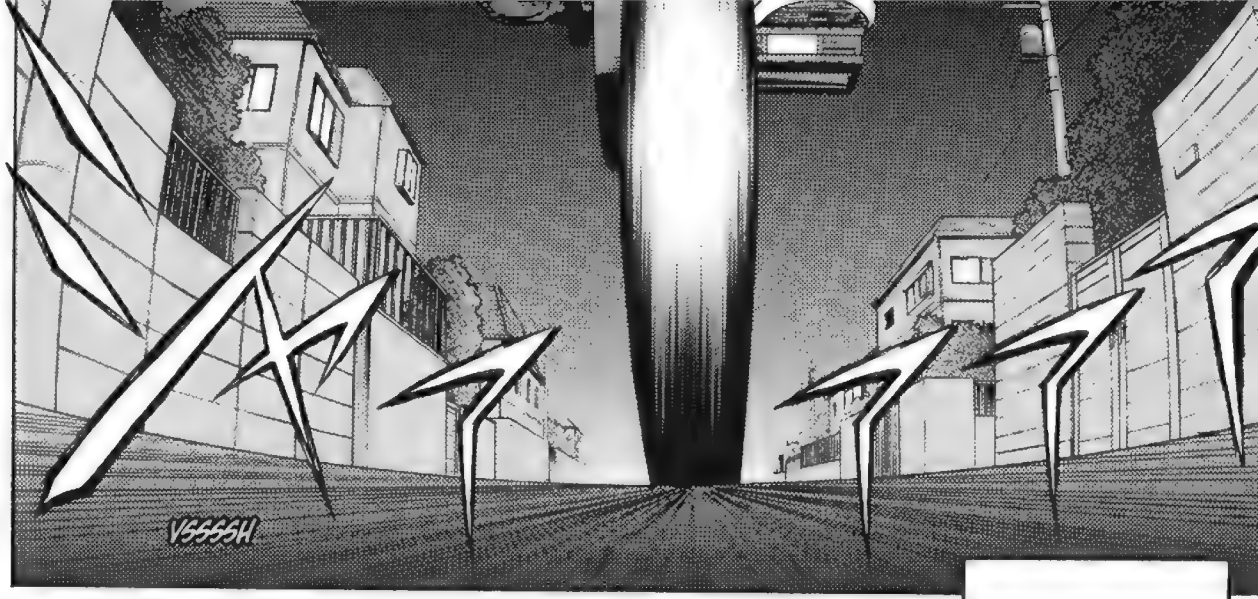

WHY CAN'T I JUST SAY WHAT I REALLY FEEL?

HEY!
IT'S THE CELEBRATED SUCCESSOR TO THE IRON KING, THE NEXT TEAM CAPTAIN!
THE NEXT DAY ...
A BEAUTIFUL GIRL... YEAH.
SHE'S PROB'LY FIGHTING FOR THE TITLE OF FIRST OR SECOND HOTTEST SENIOR, BUT...
LIVIN' LARGE, CHOSEN BY A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.
MAKES MY STOMACH HURT
GIVE IT A REST...
DRAG
DRAG
ONLY INTERESTED IN HER OWN TRAINING. SOME KIND OF IRON PRECIPICE.
IF YOU THINK OF IT LIKE A GAME, SHE'S ONE OF THOSE NO-CAPTURE CHARAC-TERS.
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR FANTASY WITH HER.

WHOA!
TH-THESE ARE—
GASP
YEAH.
ANYWAY, YOU SAID YOU WANTED SOME-THING?
TOSS
THOUGHT I'D SELL YOU THESE. I DON'T NEED 'EM ANYMORE.
HUH?
THE LEGENDARY ASS ADVEN-TURES!
THE SUPER-EXPENSIVE SPRING PRINCESS STARTER COLLECTION!
THE BANNED STREET SWIMWEAR SELECTION!
TA-DAAAA
ばばーん!!
THE TRUTH IS...
A MAN LIKE YOU, A STAND-UP WARRIOR WITH A PEDIGREE IN THE EROTIC...
YOU'RE JUST GONNA LET ME HAVE THESE?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, PONTA?!

I'VE FREED MYSELF OF THE WORLD OF THE EROTIC.
HUP
WHA ...?!
BAM
HEY, LADY-KILLER...
DID YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW KIDS IN AFRICA ARE SELLING THEIR ORGANS JUST TO STAY ALIVE?
...UH, OKAY?
AS A FELLOW HUMAN BEING ON THE SAME PLANET...
I JUST CAN'T ALLOW THIS KIND OF INJUSTICE.
BUT MY PIGGY BANK'S ALREADY EMPTY.
...

OOOM
MMM
NOD
WITH JUST A HUNDRED YEN, THE CHILDREN CAN GET FORTY LITERS OF WATER.
I'M ASKING YOU AS A FRIEND. TAKE ALL OF THESE FOR ME FOR A HUNDRED YEN.
A HUN-DRED?
WHAT? A HUNDRED YEN?
WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO YOU IN A SINGLE DAY?!
ARE YOU SICK, PONTA? I MEAN, WE WERE PEEPING TOGETHER JUST YESTERDAY!
THIS... THIS IS WEIRD.
THE STATUE OF THE STONY CAT... YOU KNOW?
ON THE HILL WITH THE SINGLE CEDAR...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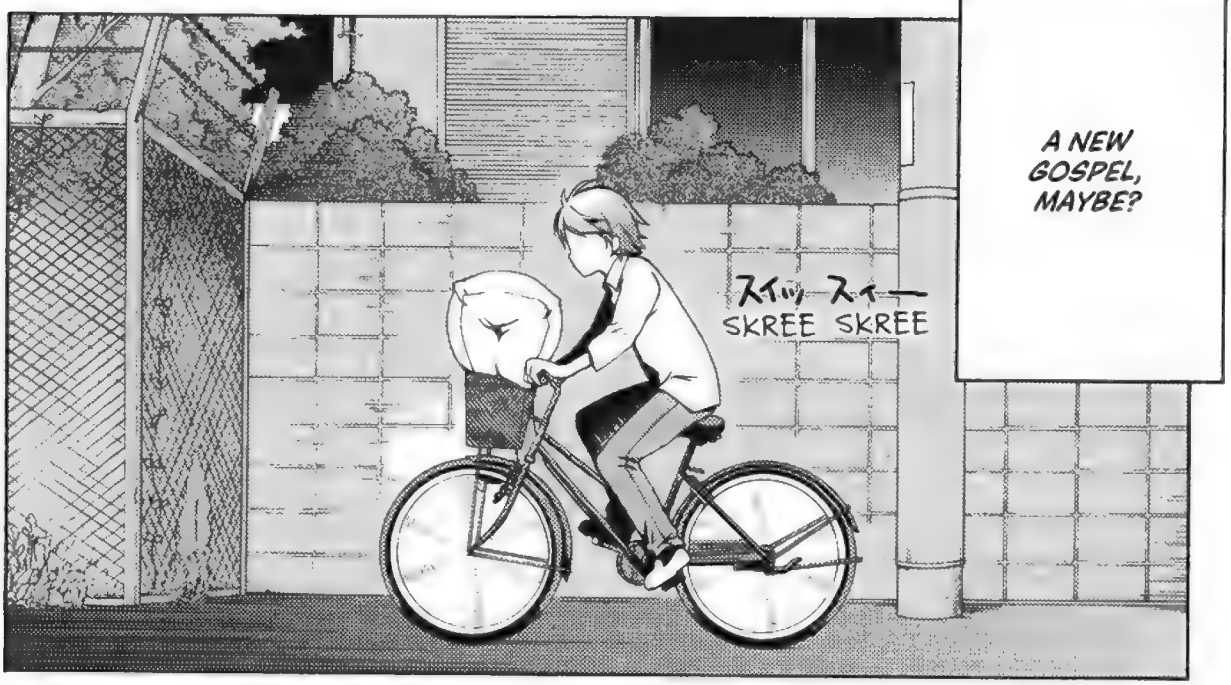
A NEW GOSPEL, MAYBE?
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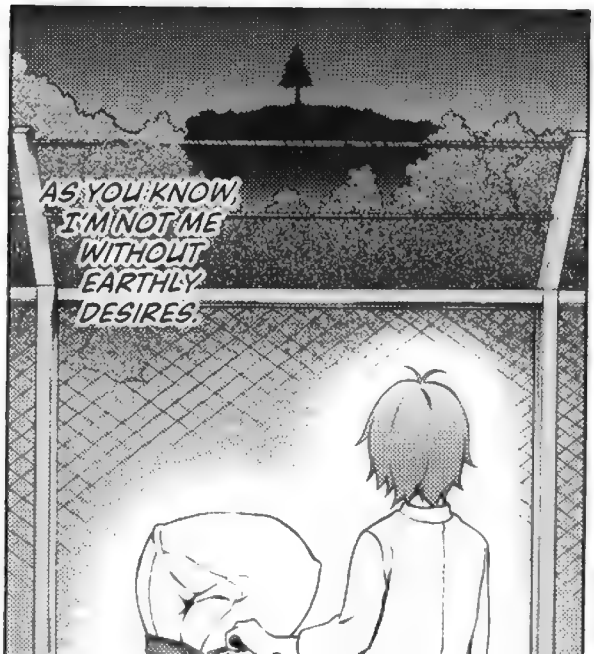
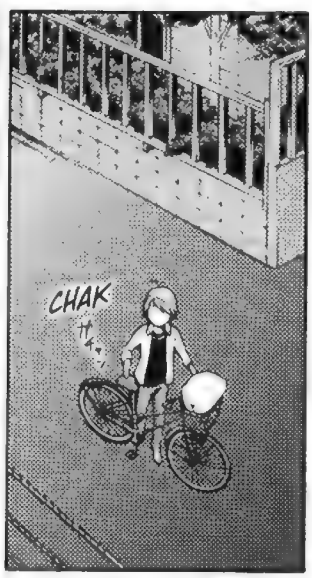
SKREE SKREE


AS YOU KNOW, I'M NOT ME WITHOUT EARTHLY DESIRES.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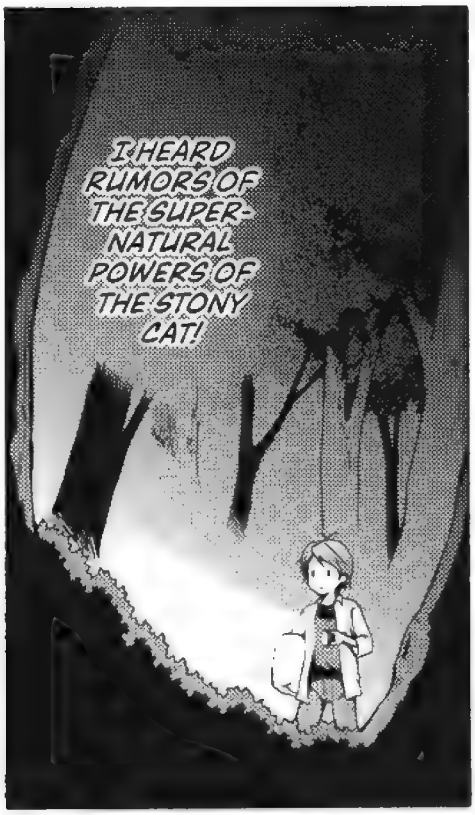
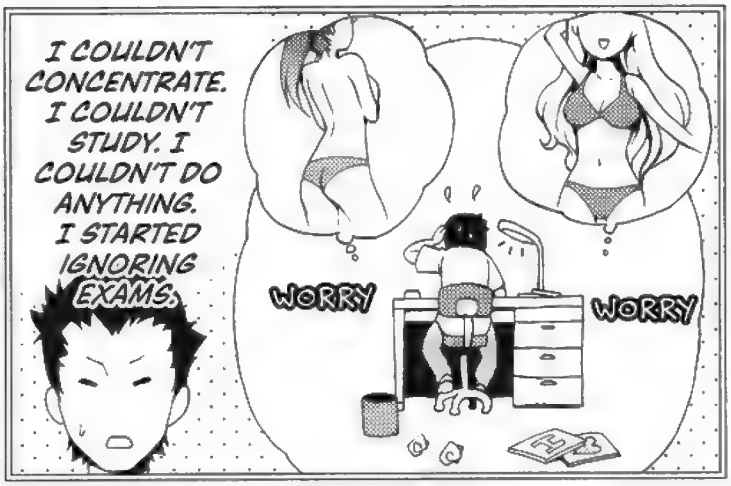
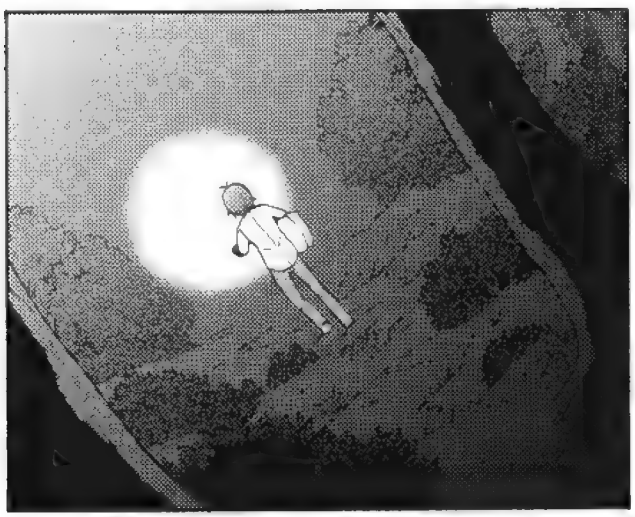
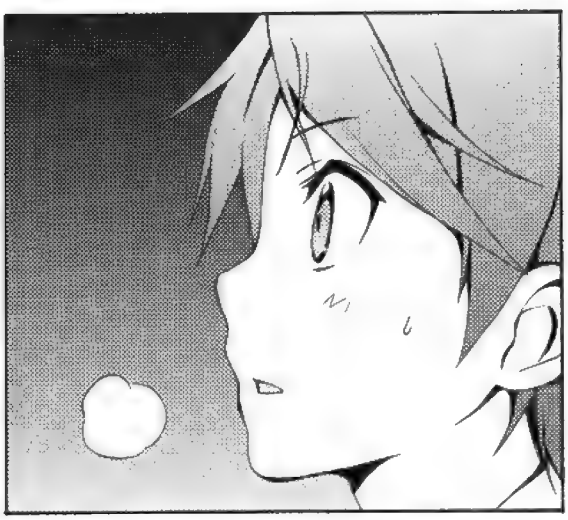

I HEARD RUMORS OF THE SUPER-NATURAL POWERS OF THE STONY CAT!

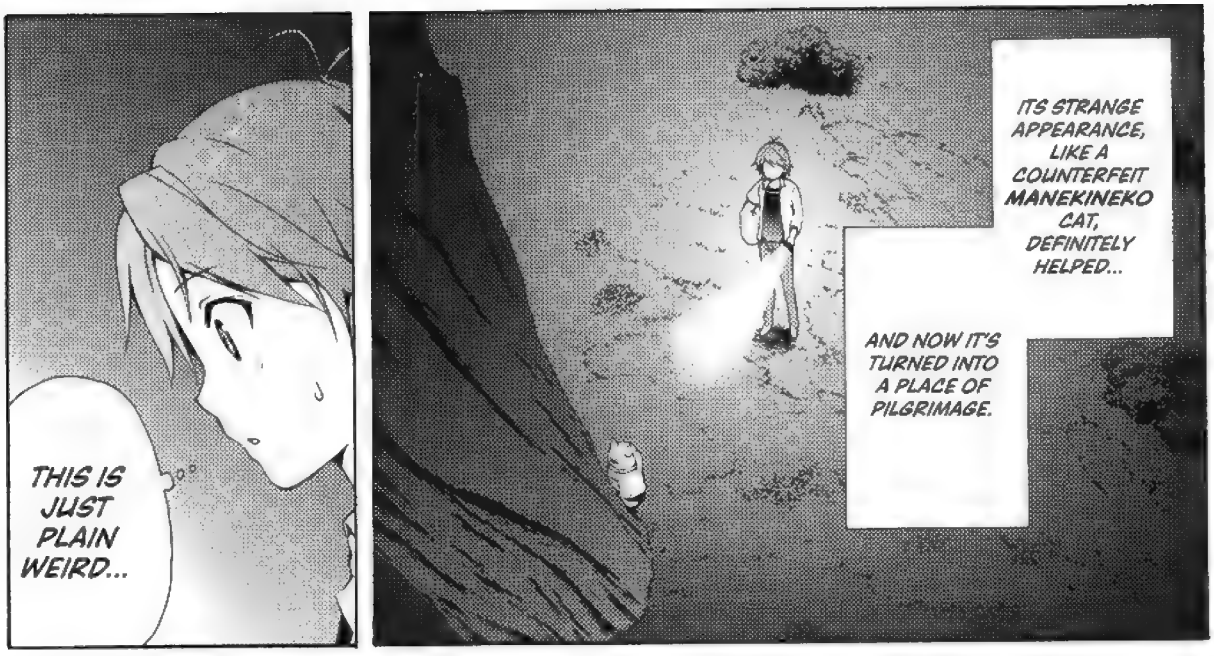

I COULDN'T CONCENTRATE. I COULDN'T STUDY. I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING. I STARTED IGNORING EXAMS.
WORRY
WORRY

THEN, AT MY WIT'S END...
HUH?
ALL BECAUSE OF THESE EARTHLY DESIRES I COULDN'T GET FREE OF...

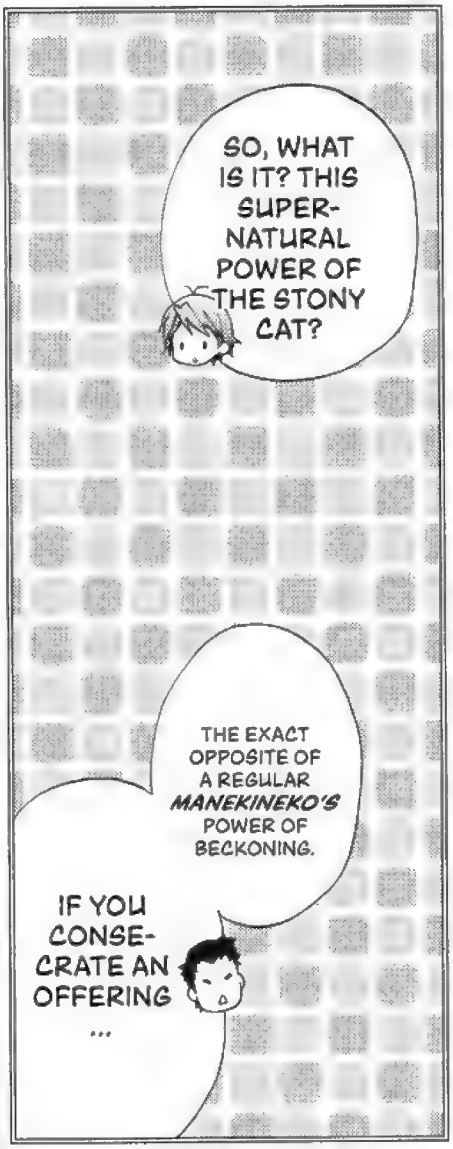




SHHP
HI...
AT THE BASE OF THE LONE CEDAR ON A HILL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...
HUF
HUF
WHEN DID IT APPEAR THERE? AND WHO WOULD PLAY SUCH A PRANK?
ENSHRINED, OUT OF THE BLUE, A WOODEN STATUE OF A CAT.


THIS IS JUST PLAIN WEIRD...
IT'S STRANGE APPEARANCE, LIKE A COUNTERFEIT MANEKINEKO CAT, DEFINITELY HELPED...
AND NOW IT'S TURNED INTO A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE.

IT FORCES THE THING YOU DON'T WANT ONTO SOMEONE ELSE.


SO, WHAT IS IT? THIS SUPER-NATURAL POWER OF THE STONY CAT?
THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF A REGULAR MANEKINEKO'S POWER OF BECKONING.
IF YOU CONSE-CRATE AN OFFERING ...

IT WAS WEIRD. AFTER I OFFERED THE PILLOW UP TO THE STONY CAT AS A SYMBOL OF MY EARTHLY DESIRES...
AND THAT THING I'VE HELD ONTO SO DEARLY...
MY BODY PILLOW!
AND THE THING I DON'T WANT IS MY EARTHLY DESIRES!
YEAH
NORMALLY, I DON'T BELIEVE IN URBAN LEGENDS LIKE THIS.
BUT WITH PONTA ENDING UP LIKE THAT...
THEY WERE COMPLETELY GONE! SUDDENLY, I WAS STUDYING LIKE CRAZY!
THE THING I DON'T NEED...
THAT'D BE THIS FACADE OF MINE.
I MEAN, THAT KIND OF EFFECT HAS TO BE SOMETHING BEYOND ANYTHING WE KNOW, RIGHT?!
I MEAN, THIS IS THE GUY I USED TO ARGUE WITH ABOUT WHETHER THE WAY THE WIND FEELS WHEN YOU'RE GOING FAST ON THE HIGHWAY WAS ANYTHING LIKE HOW A BOOB FEELS!
AND EVEN IF IT ISN'T...
JUST PRAYING DOESN'T COST ANYTHING.

...SO, AN OFFERING...
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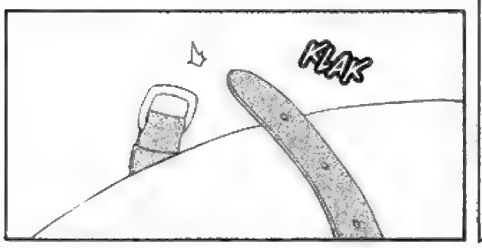
WRIGGLE
もぞ
SQUIRM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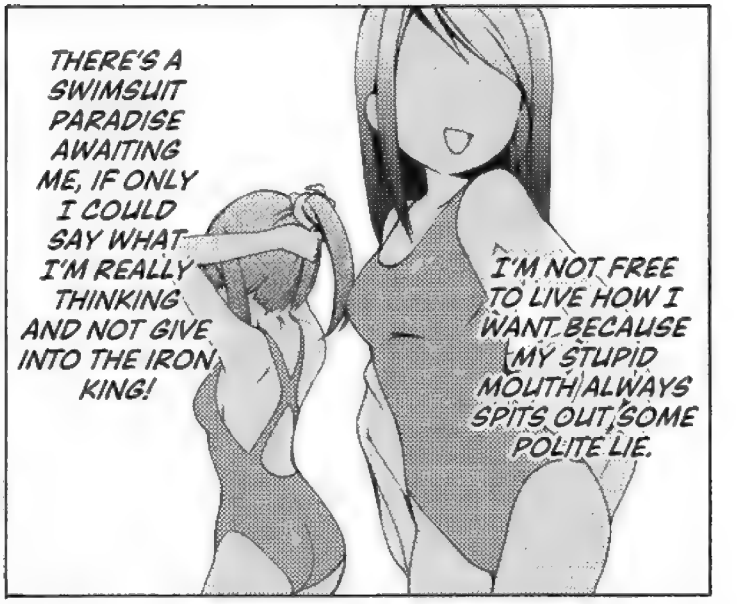
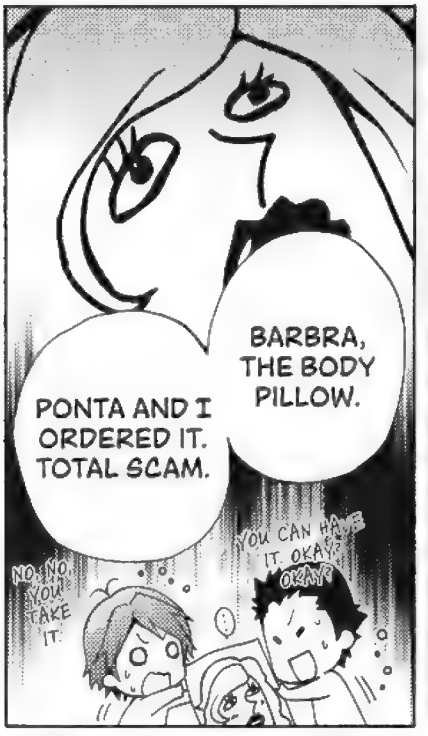
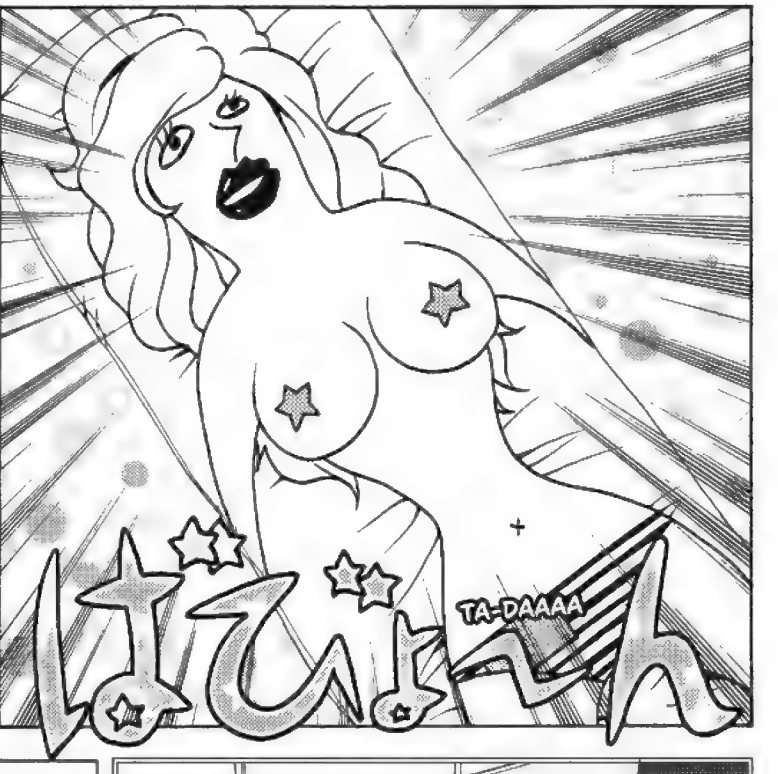
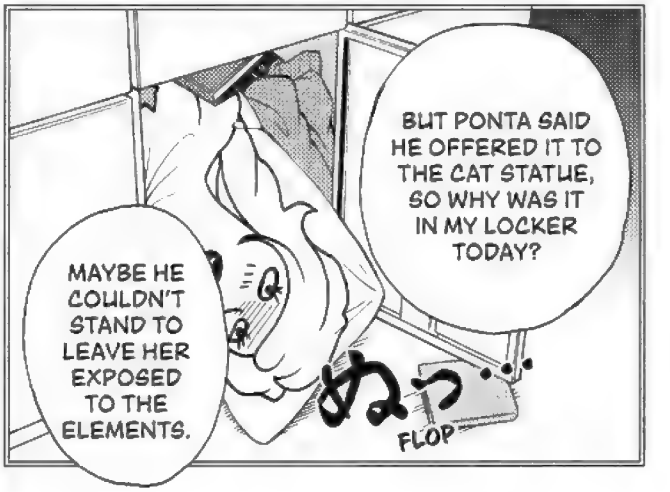

THERE'S A SWIMSUIT PARADISE AWAITING ME, IF ONLY I COULD SAY WHAT I'M REALLY THINKING AND NOT GIVE INTO THE IRON KING!
I'M NOT FREE TO LIVE HOW I WANT BECAUSE MY STUPID MOUTH ALWAYS SPITS OUT SOME POLITE LIE.


PONTA AND I ORDERED IT. TOTAL SCAM.
BARBRA, THE BODY PILLOW.
NO, NO, YOU TAKE IT.
YOU CAN HAVE IT. OKAY?
OKAY?


TA-DAAAA

WELL, WHATEVER. I CAN RE-USE IT. ALTHOUGH WHAT GOD WOULD BE HAPPY TO GET THIS...
SHHK


BUT PONTA SAID HE OFFERED IT TO THE CAT STATUE, SO WHY WAS IT IN MY LOCKER TODAY?
MAYBE HE COULDN'T STAND TO LEAVE HER EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS.
FLOP

CHAK
……

ぬぼぉ～
LOOOOM
A—
A CORPSE!
EEEEEEEEEK!
GAH!
WHAAA ?!
WHO'RE YOU?!
WHOA WHOA WHOA!
THE POLICE? AN AMBU-LANCE? NO, THE POLICE!
CORPSE ...?
...OH!
NO! CALM DOWN! COME AND LOOK!
BARBRA'S NOT EVEN SHAPED LIKE A PERSON!
YOU'VE ALREADY GOTTEN THAT FAR?!

I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO!
HEY!
WAIT! IT'S A MISUNDERSTANDING—
I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING! NOTHING AT ALL!
DASH
DID YOU JUST SAY SETTING UP?!
YOU'RE JUST SETTING UP...?
YOU'LL JUST CHANGE THE SETUP LATER, RIGHT?!
OF COURSE YOU WILL!
ALL THE POLICE OF JAPAN ARE ON MY SIDE!
THE POLICE ARE STRONG, YOU KNOW!
THEY CAN STOP ANY HENTAI PERVERT!
WAIT!
GRAB
HENTAI
KA-CHAK
PERVERT
変態
変態...

SLAP
NO, DON'T!
NO, DON'T!
NO, DON'T!
EEP!
IF YOU JUST SHUT UP, I'LL BE GENTLE!
AND THEN EVERY-ONE'LL BE HAPPY!
WHAT D'YOU MEAN, "THAT"?!
I DON'T WANT THAT WITHOUT LOVE!
JUST CALM—
CALM DOWN!
WAAAH!
THUD
I DON'T WANT IT GENTLE OR MEAN!
I'M IN-CREDIBLY UNHAPPY RIGHT NOW!

SLENDER SHOULDERS...

WEAK AND FRAGILE TO THE TOUCH LIKE A DELICATE GLASS-WORK...

I AM *NOT* DELICIOUS AT ALL!

HUH?

WHEN WE MEASURED OUR-SELVES, I'M THE SMALLEST IN MY CLASS.
IF YOU WAIT TWO YEARS, I'M SURE I'LL GET DELICIOUS.
SO, UNTIL THEN...

I'M SKINNY AND...
FLAT-CHESTED, AND STUPID AND...
IF YOU EAT ME, I'LL DEFINITELY TOTALLY TASTE TERRIBLE.
REALLY.

I WANT MY BODY TO STAY PRETTY!
UNTIL THEN...
I—
I—

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING! YOU'RE NOT IN ANY DANGER!
I'VE NEVER TACKLED A GIRL BEFORE!
...!
MY BODY IS PURE!
LISTEN TO ME!
BARBRA'S JUST A BODY PILLOW!
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WAAAAH
SILENCE
AH!
IF YOU ARE A SAFE AND PURE PERSON...
I'D LIKE YOU TO GET OFF ME NOW.
OH, SURE.
... THEN.
THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME TACKLING SOMEONE.
RIGHT?

I WAS HOPING TO GET THE CAT STATUE TO TAKE MY FACADE...
...AND THAT'S IT.
I FEEL LIKE...

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POP
HERE! IT'S A MEAT BUN.
GO AHEAD, HAVE ONE.
IT'S GOTTEN COLD, BUT...
THANKS.
I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT...
THIS RUMOR'S REALLY SPREAD ALL OVER THE PLACE.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
...WE'VE MET SOMEWHERE...
SLUMP
...I'M JOKING.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SOUND SO HORRIFIED...
NO, I'M NOT! THAT'S THIS FACADE OF MINE!
IN THE TEACHINGS OF MY FAMILY, A MAN WHO HAS SHAMED YOU ONCE MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
SO PLEASE BE READY FOR THAT.
WHAT?!
MESS...
SUPER SLUMP
AH! NO! BY MESS, I MEAN...!
LIKE BEFORE, IF I HAD JUST BEEN ABLE TO SAY IT WAS A BODY PILLOW RIGHT OFF THE BAT, THIS WHOLE MESS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!
ALWAYS PUTTING UP A FRONT IS THE WORST!
THE TRUTH IS, I'M REALLY HAPPY!
I REACTED WEIRD 'CAUSE OF THAT WORRY ABOUT MY REPUTATION OF WHATEVER...

...WHICH KIND AM I?
HUH?
UH, WELL... IT'S NOT GOOD TO MAKE EVERYTHING BLACK OR WHITE.
B-BUT THERE ARE GOOD CRYBABIES AND BAD CRYBABIES, RIGHT?
I MEANT THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE SOMETHING SO TERRIBLE TO YOU...
SNIFF
IT'S FINE. I'M JUST A CRYBABY.
A HA HA
HEE HEE
IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO COMFORT ME, AT LEAST TAKE RE-SPONSIBILITY AND FOLLOW THROUGH!

SHE'S LIKE A CUTE LITTLE SISTER OR SOMETHING.
I WANT TO BE MORE GROWN-UP...
...AND NOT JUST CRY OR GET MAD RIGHT AWAY.
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO HIDE MY TRUE FEELINGS.
WHAT? BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S CUTER WHEN GIRLS WEAR THEIR HEARTS ON THEIR SLEEVES?
NO, NOT AT ALL!
IT'S JUST CHILDISH, I HATE IT...
OH!
RIGHT, THE PIL-GRIMAGE.
DO YOU WANT TO DO IT TOGETHER?
OH! I FORGOT.
MNCH

LET'S SEE ...
PLEASE TAKE AWAY MY FACADE SO I STOP TELLING LIES AND TRICKING PEOPLE.
PLEASE HELP ME KEEP MY TRUE FEELINGS INSIDE MORE.

SWEAT...
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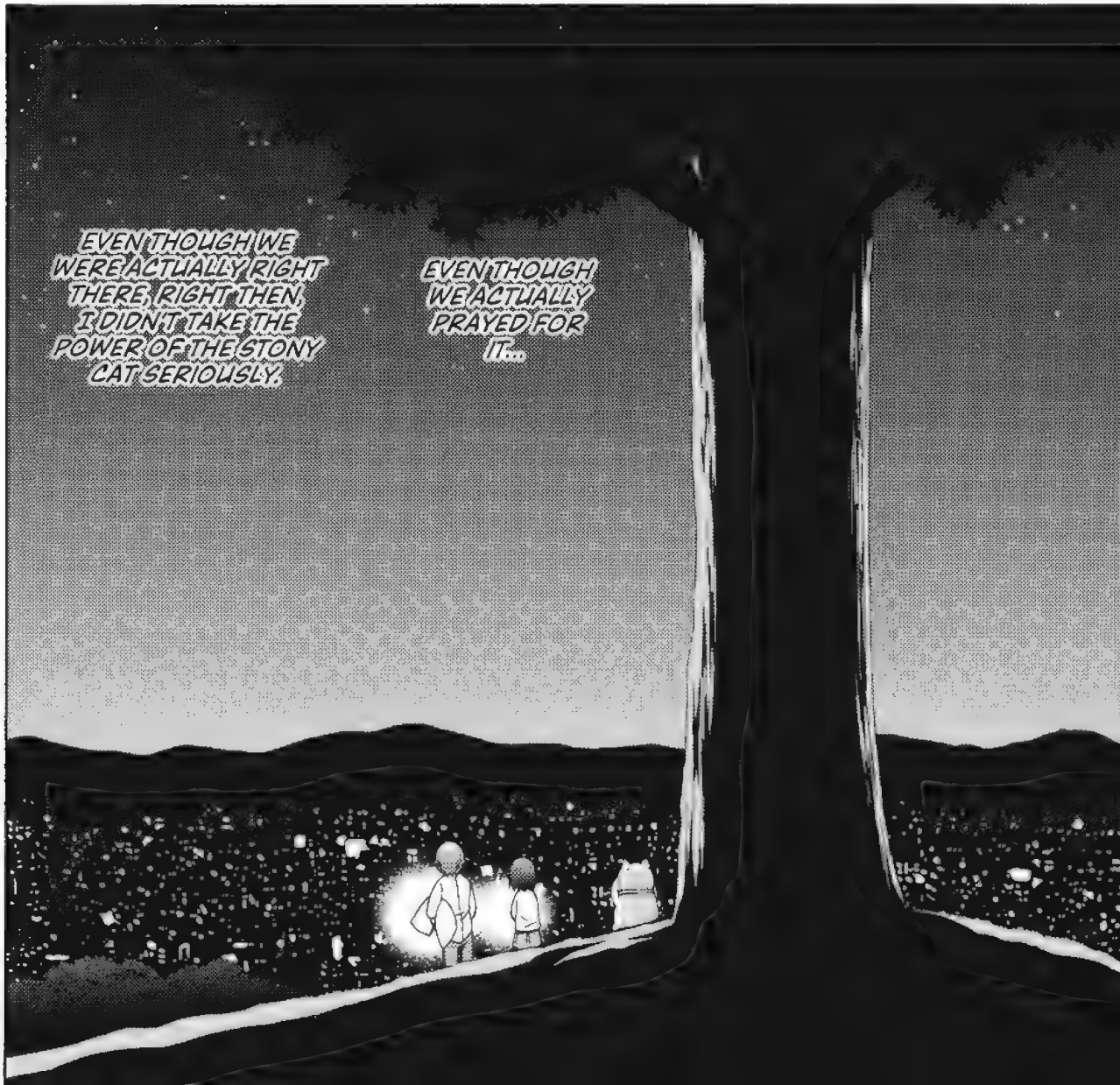
HYOOOOOO
HUH?
HUH?!
BUT THERE'S ONE MORE THAN THAT MISSING...
HOW MANY OF MY MEAT BUNS DID YOU EAT?
?
I ONLY ATE WHAT YOU GAVE ME...
THE BELT I USED TO FOLD UP BARBRA'S GONE!
WHERE'D IT GO?!
GREAT. TIME TO EMBARRASS MYSELF...
DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE TO DRAG THIS THING HOME ALL OPEN LIKE THIS?
MY MEAT BUNS...

WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT LATER, I WAS PRETTY RECKLESS.

WELL, IT'S LATE. YOU WANT ME TO WALK YOU HOME?
NO, I'M FINE. MY HOUSE IS JUST OVER THERE.


EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ACTUALLY RIGHT THERE, RIGHT THEN, I DIDN'T TAKE THE POWER OF THE STONY CAT SERIOUSLY.
EVEN THOUGH WE ACTUALLY PRAYED FOR IT...

The "HENTAI" prince and the stony cat.

変態王子と笑わない猫。

ILLUSTRATED CATS OF THE WORLD

ABYSSINIAN

WITHIN ITS DISTINCTIVE TICKED COAT, EACH HAIR IS DIVIDED INTO THREE OR FOUR BANDS OF LIGHTER AND DARKER COLOR. THE ORIGIN OF THE MODERN ABYSSINIAN IS THOUGHT TO BE A CAT NAMED ZULA BROUGHT BACK TO ENGLAND BY A BRITISH SOLDIER DURING THE EXPEDITION TO ABYSSINIA. BOTH MUSCULAR AND FLEXIBLE, THE ABYSSINIAN IS SOMETIMES ALSO CALLED A BALLET CAT, THANKS TO THE STANDING POSTURE CREATED BY ITS SMALL PAWS. ALTHOUGH ITS ELEGANT APPEARANCE GIVES IT AN AIR OF ALOOFNESS, THE ABYSSINIAN LOVES PAMPERING AND ATTENTION.

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CHAPTER 2: SOMETHING IS HAPPY, SOMEONE MEETS SORROW

THE WEIRDNESS HAD ALREADY STARTED THE NEXT DAY.

AH, SUMMER!
THE LINES OF BRA STRAPS CLINGING TO BACKS UNDER BLOUSES!
WHOA!
THE EROTIC SMELL OF SWEAT FLOATING IN THE AIR!
FOR EXAMPLE, THERE!
OOH! AND HER, TOO!
LOOK! SHE'S GREAT!

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GRRRRRR
ANYWAY, WHAT ABOUT PRACTICE THIS MORNING?
RIGHT!
WHAT EXCUSE AM I GONNA GIVE THE CAPTAIN?!
SHE'S SCARY
WHISPER WHISPER
OH!
HA!
YOU'RE REALLY FLYING THIS MORNING.
CRAP. I JUST GOT EXCITED, AND...
HA HA
I GUESS MY MOUTH'S GETTING AHEAD OF ME TODAY.
I SPENT LAST NIGHT TYING HER UP, HOLDING HER, MAKING HER CRY... WHICH IS WHY...
OH NO!
I WAS EXHAUSTED AND I OVERSLEPT.
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
DON'T GO CONFUSING VIDEOS WITH REALITY!
YOU GOTTA FIGHT FOR THE REAL WORLD!
WHOA WHOA
OH!
THAT'S AZUSA AZUKI.
HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
I MEAN, FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD, I STOP BREATHING FOR AN HOUR A DAY TO REDUCE CARBON DIOXIDE—
YEAH!
MURMUR
MURMUR

AZUKI?
UH-HUH
THE SUPER-CUTE RICH GIRL WHO TRANSFERRED HERE IN APRIL!
HUH. THAT'S HER?
I GUESS YOU WERE SO BUSY WITH THE TEAM, YOU DIDN'T NOTICE.

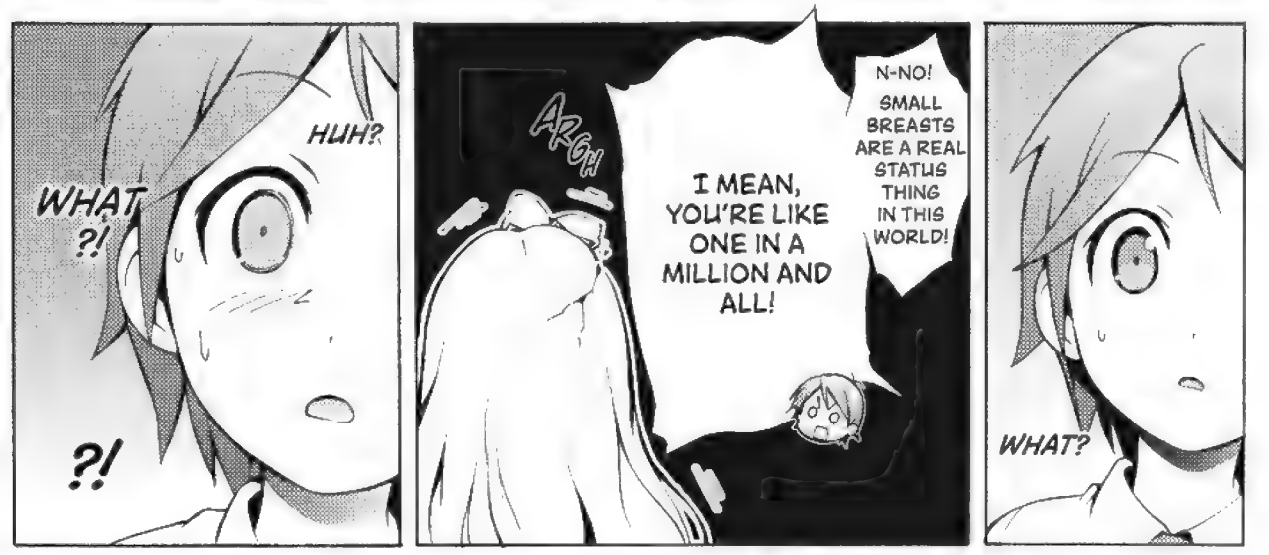
SHE'S GORGEOUS, SHE'S RICH, SHE'S A PERFECT, SUPER-HUMAN...
AZUKI! I LOVE LOVE SUPER LOVE YOU! PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!
SOMEONE'S ALWAYS PROCLAIMING HIS LOVE TO HER LIKE THAT.
SHE BASICALLY JUMPED TO THE TOP OF THE HOT-GIRL LIST.
FOR A MINUTE, SHE LOOKED LIKE A FAIRY.
LIKE A COSMOS FLOWER BLOOMING ON A MOUNTAIN PEAK...
GO OUT WITH YOU...
HM.
WHAT?
THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE IT?
THAT VOICE, CLEAR AND PURE LIKE THE VERY SPIRIT OF A FLOWER...

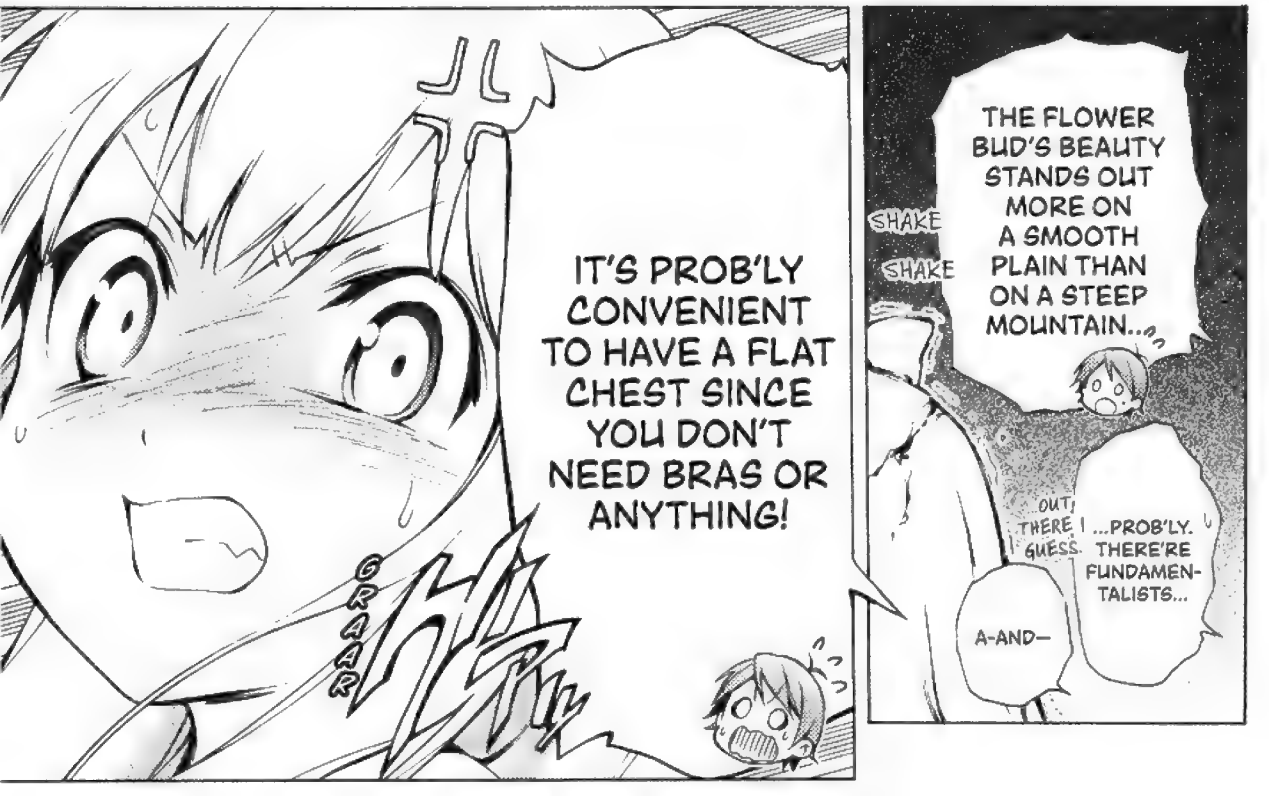
I MEAN, A FLAMINGO DOES A COURTSHIP DANCE.
I MEAN, EVEN A GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAN PERFORM SIMPLE TRICKS.
IF I CALLED YOU AT TWO IN THE MORNING, OR WHEN YOU WERE ON A TRIP SOMEWHERE, OR AT THE MOMENT OF YOUR PARENTS' DEATH, WOULD YOU COME RUNNING?
WOULD YOU THROW EVERYTHING AWAY AND FOLLOW ME LIKE A BLIND SHEEP?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A HUMAN BEING, RIGHT?
THIS IS WORSE THAN A MONKEY.
HOW ABOUT AT LEAST PUTTING ON A DISPLAY ON A MONKEY-LEVEL OR SOMETHING.
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO PICK ME UP IN ROLLS ROYCE OR ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET OR ANYTHING.
WHERE'D MY FAIRY GO?
WHAT?
...HMPH. IT'S USELESS. I KNOW. CAN YOU PLEASE NOT TALK TO ME AGAIN?
I HAVE ABOUT AS MUCH INTEREST IN YOU AS I DO A DEAD CICADA.
DIG YOURSELF BACK INTO THE GROUND AND TRY YOUR LARVAL STAGE AGAIN.

AND JUST LIKE THAT, SHE TURNS THEM DOWN FLAT EVERY TIME.
THUNK
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
WRIGGLE WRIGGLE
AH...
I VERY MUCH DOUBT YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
THOSE HENTAI WITH NO SELF-AWARENESS ARE A PROBLEM.
SIGH
GUYS WHO LIKE THIS SORT OF THING CALL IT "AZUSA AZUKI REWARD TIME."
WELL, IT'S JUST, AS AWESOME AS SHE SEEMS...
"HMM"? HEY!
NO STRONG FEELINGS?
NO WONDER PEOPLE WANT TO TALK TO HER.
BUT SHE IS CUTE, HUH?
HMM...
I MEAN, I'VE RENOUNCED MY EARTHLY DESIRES, AND I STILL FEEL MY HEART LIGHTEN JUST LOOKING AT HER.

SHE'S FLAT AS A PANCAKE!
OH!
CRAP...
I SAID THAT OUT LOUD...

SNAP
I DEFINITELY LIKE THEM BIG!
YOU—
YOU'RE FINE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
OKAY, STAY CALM! I HAVE TO GET THIS SITUATION UNDER CONTROL WITH SOME COOL, GENTLEMANLY STYLE!


WHAT?!
HUH?
?!
ARGH
I MEAN, YOU'RE LIKE ONE IN A MILLION AND ALL!
N-NO! SMALL BREASTS ARE A REAL STATUS THING IN THIS WORLD!
WHAT?


IT'S PROB'LY CONVENIENT TO HAVE A FLAT CHEST SINCE YOU DON'T NEED BRAS OR ANYTHING!
GRAAR
SHAKE
SHAKE
THE FLOWER BUD'S BEAUTY STANDS OUT MORE ON A SMOOTH PLAIN THAN ON A STEEP MOUNTAIN...
A-AND—
OUT THERE I GUESS
...PROB'LY. THERE'RE FUNDAMENTALISTS...

THE TRUTH IS JUST LEAPING OUT OF MY MOUTH?!
...IS GREAT! YOU'RE LUCKY!
ALL RIGHT!
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH...
AND THEY WON'T GET ALL SAGGY.
...GET ALL SAGGY...
THE TRUTH!
AND THE FACT THAT THEY WON'T ...
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GRRRRRRRRRR
MM HMM ...
I'LL KILL YOU.
LET'S HAVE A LITTLE TALK...
AREN'T YOU HILARI-OUS.
GOD, HELP ME!
WHY?!
WHA—!
UH!
YEAH.

I-IRON KING!
THUD
ズッ
!
YOKO-DERA.
WHY DID YOU SKIP MORNING PRACTICE?
YANK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO TEACH THIS MONGREL SOME MANNERS—
DON'T GET IN MY WAY!

DEATH OR DEAD!
AH!
LIVE OR DIE?!
THIS MAN IS FACED WITH THE CHOICE OF WHETHER HE WILL LIVE OR DIE.
NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT.
GRRRRRRRRRR
D-DON'T BE SO OVER THE TOP!
AND THAT'S NOT EVEN REAL ENGLISH...
EEP!
YOU SAY SOMETHING?
HM?
THAT'S THE IRON KING I'VE COME TO KNOW. THE FAIRY'S NOT EVEN IN THE SAME LEAGUE. AND TO BE FOUGHT OVER BY TWO GIRLS, IT'S LIKE A BEAUTIFUL DREAM.
ENOUGH OF THIS OTHER GIRL. YOKODERA, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?

ALTHOUGH IT'S MORE OF THE NIGHTMARE VARIETY!
THIS, AFTER I JUST NAMED YOU THE NEXT CAPTAIN?
HUH?
OH. UH...
UH ...
HM? WHAT?
TAKE CARE WITH YOUR WORDS.
I BELIEVE I TOLD YOU THAT I HATE HAVING MY HOPES BETRAYED.
WHAT KIND OF STATEMENT ARE YOU MAKING?
THOSE CLOTHES...
I CAN'T HANDLE IT!
I CAN'T...
...HANDLE IT.
SHOR—
SH—
SHO—
I CAN'T DEAL WITH THOSE CLOTHES!
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE FORCED TO HANDLE A SITUATION LIKE THIS FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

GO AND CHANGE INTO YOUR BIKE SHORTS IMMEDIATELY!

DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND THIS SIMPLE FACT, DESPITE YOUR MANY YEARS OF TRACK AND FIELD?!

THE MAGIC OF BONDAGE FETISHISM!

東輝 フェティシズム!!

JUST LIKE THE COMPETITIVE SWIMSUIT, THE BIKE SHORTS OF THE TRACK AND FIELD TEAM CAST A MAGIC SPELL!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THOSE SHORTS, CAPTAIN?!

YOU THOUGHT-LESS FOOL!

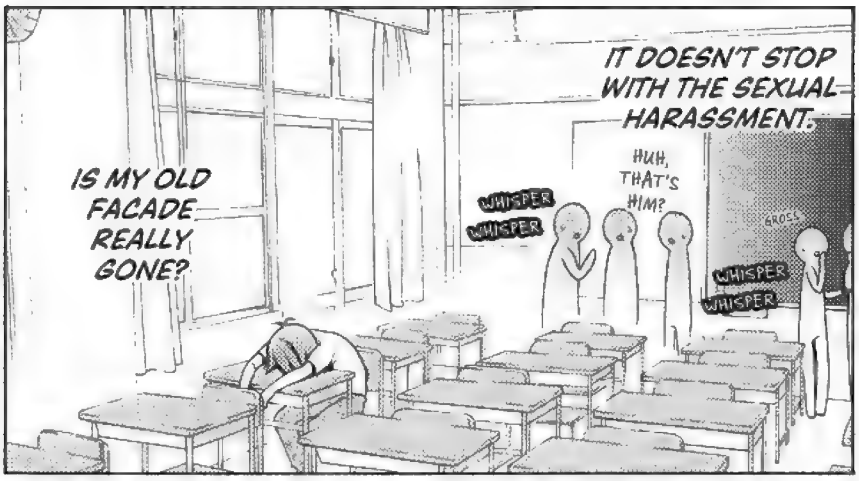
THOSE BIKE SHORTS ARE THE REASON I CAN ENDURE THE HELL OF PRACTICE!

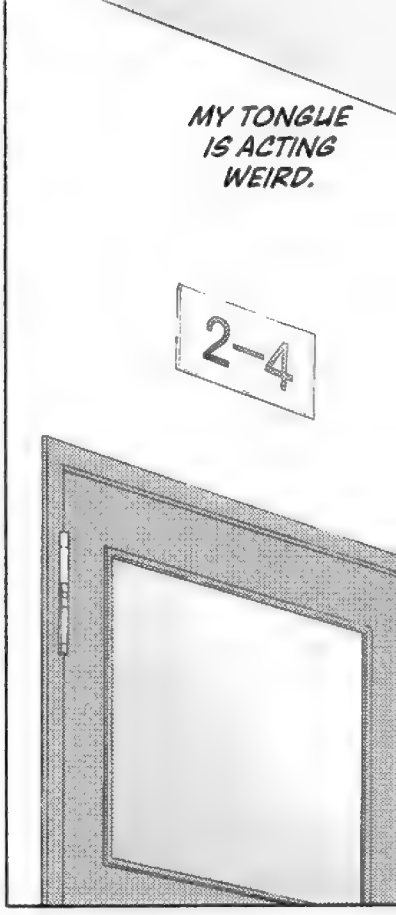
WITHOUT THOSE SHORTS, THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE TRACK AND FIELD TEAM IS MEANINGLESS!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BIKE SHORTS YOU ALWAYS WEAR?!

WHAT IS MY MOUTH DOING?!

THAT'S IT.
...SO.
GRRRRRRR
I WASN'T ABLE TO SEE YOU WERE SUFFERING UNIMAGINABLY. I APOLOGIZE.
YOKODERA... YOU'RE TIRED.
WE'LL DISREGARD THE MATTER OF MORNING PRACTICE, AND YOU'LL TAKE A BREAK FROM THE TEAM TEMPORARILY.
UMM...
OTHERWISE, YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE LOST YOUR MIND LIKE THIS...
ALMOST AS IF YOU'D BECOME NOTHING MORE THAN AN ORDINARY HENTAI.
YOU POURED TOO MUCH OF YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO TRACK.


IT DOESN'T STOP WITH THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
IS MY OLD FACADE REALLY GONE?
HUH, THAT'S HIM?
WHISPER
WHISPER
GROSS
WHISPER
WHISPER


MY TONGUE IS ACTING WEIRD.
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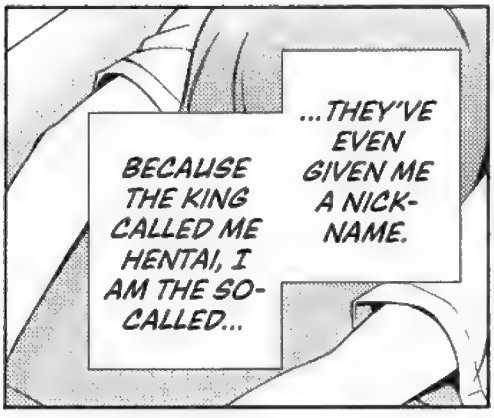
BECAUSE THE KING CALLED ME HENTAI, I AM THE SO-CALLED...
...THEY'VE EVEN GIVEN ME A NICK-NAME.

AS A HERO WHO STOOD DEFIANT IN FRONT OF THE IRON KING AND EMERGED UNSCATHED...
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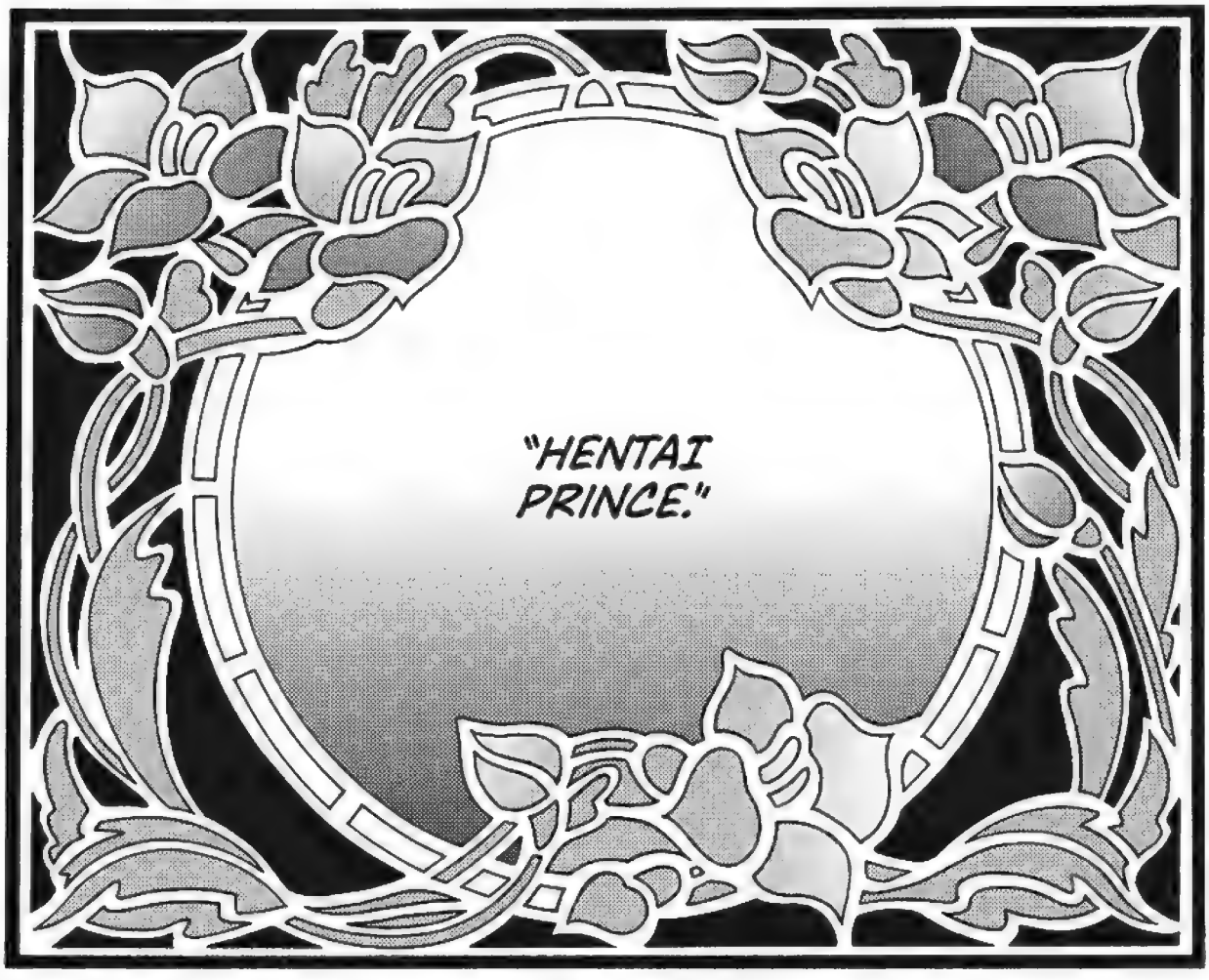

"HENTAI PRINCE."

TODAY WAS QUITE THE PARTY.
AAAH
EVERYONE IN SCHOOL COMING TO TAKE A PEEK AT YOU...
SAYING "OH, THAT'S THE BIKE SHORTS NUT?"...
HA HA HA...

HEY!
THERE'S TRUTH IN A NICKNAME, YOU KNOW!
PORN
PORNTARO
PORNTA
PONTA
UGH... WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
ABSOTOTALUTELY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT!

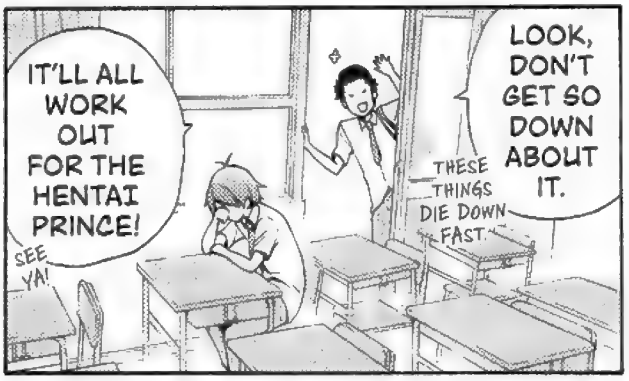
BUT IT SUITS YOU, DON'T YOU THINK? "THE HENTAI PRINCE."
THAT'S A JOKE, RIGHT?
YOU'RE JUST FOOLING AROUND, RIGHT?
WELL, I AM "PONTA" AFTER ALL.

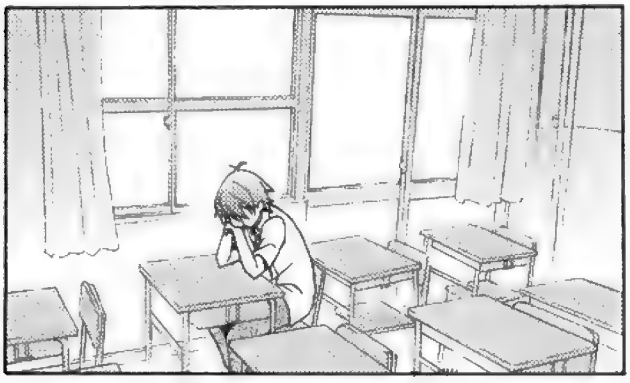
"PLEASE TAKE AWAY MY FACADE SO I STOP TELLING LIES AND TRICKING PEOPLE."
IS THAT IT?!

IT'S JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU. THAT STONY CAT STATUE IS THE REAL DEAL.
YOU WENT LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T YOU?

HUH?
WHAT? BUT HE STUFFED THAT BODY PILLOW IN MY LOCKER, RIGHT?

AND THEN I LOOKED AWAY FOR A SEC, AND BAM!
LIKE THAT!
HUH?
YOUR OFFERING DISAPPEARED, RIGHT?
LIKE, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH BARBRA.


IT'LL ALL WORK OUT FOR THE HENTAI PRINCE!
SEE YA!
THESE THINGS DIE DOWN FAST.
LOOK, DON'T GET SO DOWN ABOUT IT.



WHAT DISAPPEARED WHEN I PRAYED...?
PONTA'S EARTHLY DESIRES DISAPPEARED, MY BARBRA DIDN'T...
THE PROOF THAT YOUR PRAYER WAS ANSWERED IS THAT YOUR OFFERING DISAPPEARS...
WELL, WHATEVER.
THAT WASN'T REAL.

I'M GONNA GO HOME AND WATCH IDOL SWIMSUIT COMPETITION OR SOMETHING!
FORGET EVERYTHING! LET IT ALL GO!
SLAM
...AH!
ENOUGH! DAMMIT!

EVERYTHING'S SO MESSED UP...

EEAAGH!
GAH
YOU'RE THE OVER-THE-TOP HENTAI, I SEE.

I'M A SOPHOMORE.
TSUKIKO... TSUKIKO TSUTSU-KAKUSHI.
HUH... WHO?
THE GIRL FROM LAST NIGHT?
BUT SHE SEEMS REALLY DISTANT.
SHE KINDA REMINDS ME...
...MORE OF A SIAMESE CAT THAN A PERSON...
KINDA MAKES ME WANT TO PET YOU FROM THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD TO THE TIP OF YOUR TAIL.
...YOU REALLY *ARE* A HENTAI.

WILL YOU REMEMBER IF I DO THIS?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
N-NO!
ANYWAY, WHAT DO YOU—
GRAB
WHA—?!
SILENT
THUD
ズテーン
わた WOBBLE
わた WOBBLE
WHAT ARE YOU—
AH!
WHOA!

THAT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME FOR YOU.

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IF—

IF ANYONE SEES ME LIKE THIS AGAIN, THEY'LL—

AGAIN?

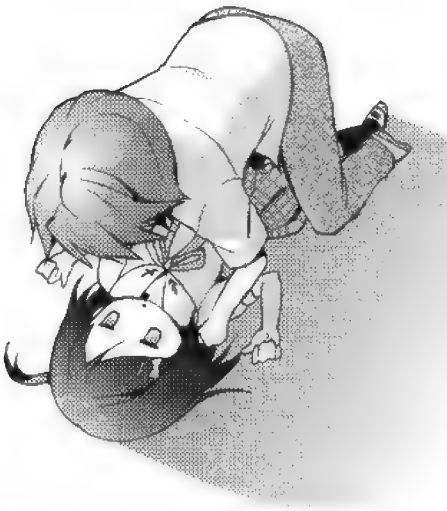
REALLY?

IS THAT SO?

YOU REALLY ARE A COMPLETE, TOTAL, PERFECT HENTAI, AREN'T YOU?

TH—
THE LONE CEDAR!
RIGHT? I KNEW IT!
THAT'S CORRECT.
...NOW, THIS IS EMBARRASSING, SO I'D LIKE YOU TO GET OFF OF ME.
YOU'RE EMBARRASSED?
YES.
I'M SO EMBARRASSED I COULD DIE.

I'M NOT ABLE TO PROPERLY COMPOSE MY FACE OR MY VOICE ANYMORE.



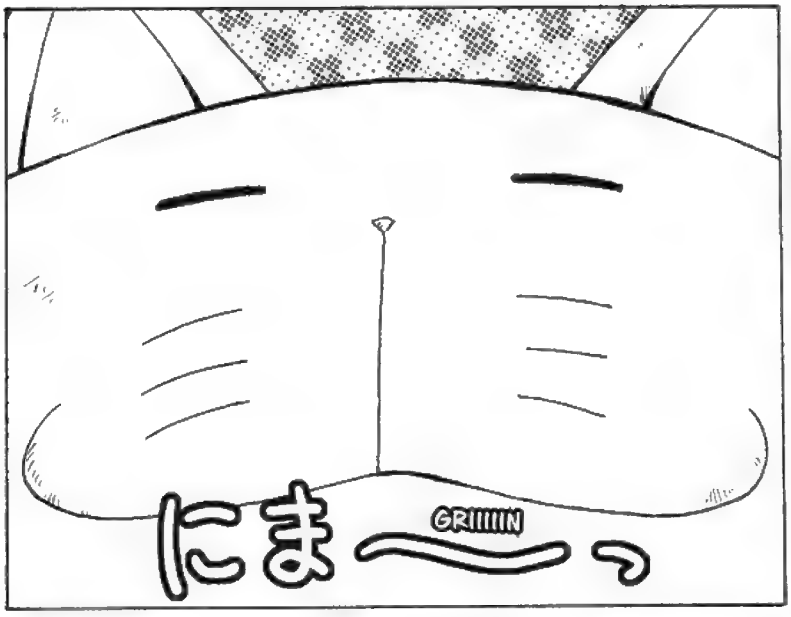
THIS GIRL FROM YESTERDAY...

...WAS LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON.

WHAT? THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME DOUBLING?
WELL, I'M PRETTY SHY.
HUH. I'VE RODE DOUBLE LOADS (WITH PONTA).
スイッスイ
SKREE
SKREE
YOU'RE SORTA LIGHT. COULD YOU HOLD ON A BIT TIGHTER?
SO YOU DON'T FALL OFF.
WHAT IS THIS, KINDA PROUD, KINDA TICKLISH ...
...I'M NOT HOLDING ON TIGHT ENOUGH?
SKREE
スイ
IS THAT SO?
ギュッ
WHY PINCH ME?!
NNNGH!

BAM

ROLY POLY
IT CAN'T ACTUALLY BE BECAUSE OF THIS CAT... CAN IT?
IT'S ALL PLUMP NOW, LIKE A MEAT BUN...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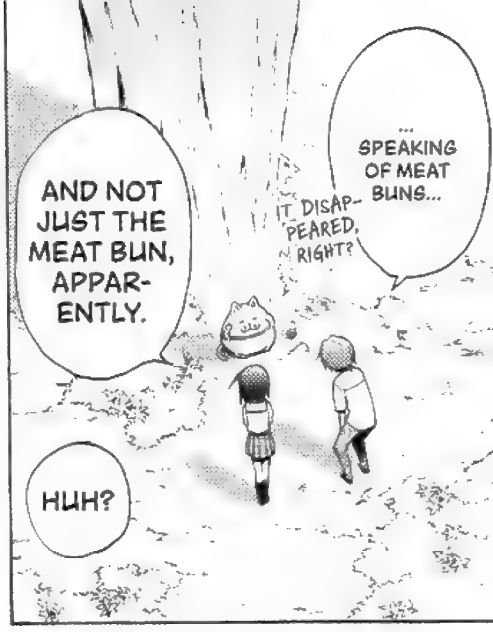
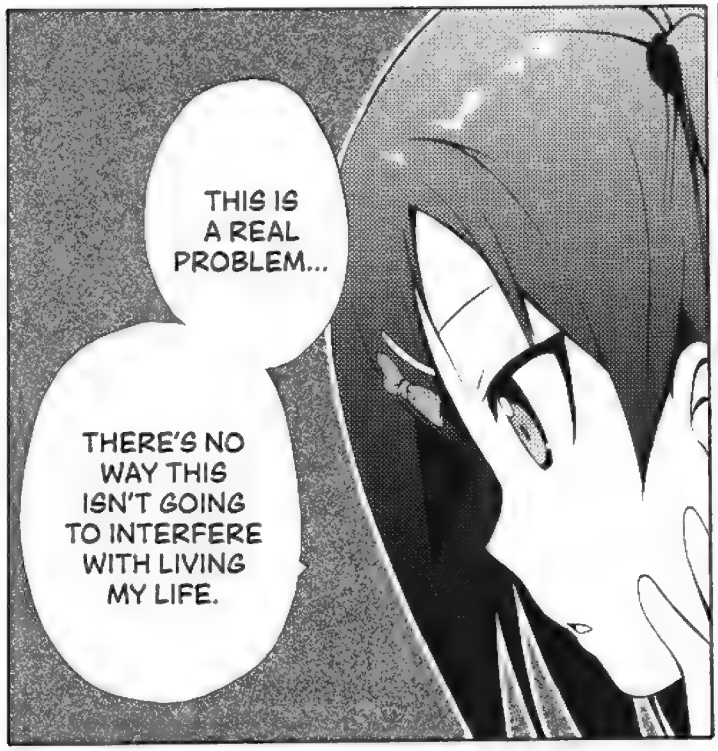

...SPEAKING OF MEAT BUNS...
IT DISAP-PEARED, RIGHT?
AND NOT JUST THE MEAT BUN, APPAR-ENTLY.
HUH?

THE CAT STATUE TOOK MY REAL FEELINGS ...
ALONG WITH THE OFFER-ING.
AND MY FACADE DIS-APPEARED.
SO, THAT'S IT?


THIS IS A REAL PROBLEM...
THERE'S NO WAY THIS ISN'T GOING TO INTERFERE WITH LIVING MY LIFE.

BUT, UM... THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED, TSUKIKO.
SHAKE
SHAKE

"TSUKIKO"? THAT'S EMBAR-RASSING.
OH, THEN TSUTSU-KAKUSHI ...

I DON'T THINK IT'S GONNA WORK.
WHY IS THAT?
PLEASE, I BEG YOU...
PLEASE FIND IT IN YOU TO RETURN MY TRUE FEELINGS.
THIS CAT STATUE'S THE REAL THING, APPARENTLY.
AND ACCORDING TO THE RUMOR, IT ONLY HAS THE POWER TO GIVE WHATEVER THE PERSON PRAYING DOESN'T NEED TO SOMEONE ELSE.
SO...
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?
DO YOU KNOW?
SO...
SO, THEN, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WILL MY EXPRES-SION JUST STAY LIKE THIS?

RIGHT!
HIS NAME'S PONTA, OKAY?
HERE'S WHAT MY FRIEND TOLD ME!
IF YOU KNOW ...
.....
I'D LIKE YOU TO TELL ME.
CHATTER
BABBLE
AND WHATEVER YOU'RE GONNA SAY, A BODY PILLOW'S NOT...
ROMANTIC AT ALL. DOING IT GOOD LIKE PONTA—
...AND IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, BARBRA WAS IN MY LOCKER!
SIGH
IF WE WANT TO...?
BASICALLY, IF WE WANT TO GET BACK MY EXPRESSION, AND THE LINES YOU USE AS PART OF YOUR FACADE...
YOU REALLY ARE A HOPELESS HENTAI.

THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY BEFORE!
TH-THAT'S IT!
THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO!
WE JUST HAVE TO GET PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERED BY THOSE THINGS...
...TO COME TO THE CAT STATUE AND PRAY, RIGHT?
I'M SORRY.
AH! YIKES!
I'M LYING!
REALLY?
...WELL, YOU'RE HONEST.
...OKAY?
WHEN YOU APOLOGIZE WITH JUST WORDS AND NO FEELING, WITHOUT YOUR FACADE, PEOPLE SEE THROUGH IT PRETTY QUICKLY.
AND THEN GIRLS START TO DISLIKE YOU.
IT'S AWFUL.
YOU'RE A BASICALLY GROWN-UP, A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR, SO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT HERE.
SHE REALLY CHEWED ME OUT.

!
FWP
HONESTLY. REALLY...
I CAN'T EVEN STAND TO LOOK AT YOU.
SIGH
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO HELP YOU.
GRAB
TOGETHER, WE'LL FIND SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T NEED A FACADE.
ALL RIGHT?
SURE!
...YEAH.

AND SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO HIDE THEIR FEELINGS, TOO!

DING!
HEY, WAIT!
TWIRL
SPIN!
JUST LIKE THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FWP
HM?
I KNOW AN EASIER WAY TO GET YOU TO LAUGH.
WHAT?! えぇ!?
WHEE! TICKLE HELL!
BAM
IF YOUR FEELINGS WON'T COME OUT, I'LL DRAG THEM OUT! CUCKOO!
LAUGH LAUGH LAUGH!
こちょこちょ
こちょこちょ

AH...!
STOP!
NN!
UNH!
...SIGH.
GOOCHIE
HUH?
I FEEL KINDA SHIVERY.
NNGAH...!
GAH
TREMBLE
SHUDDER
NOT JUST...
"LOOK LIKE"...!
NOW I LOOK LIKE A REAL HENTAI!

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The "HENTAI" prince and the stony cat.

変態王子と笑わない猫。

ILLUSTRATED CATS OF THE WORLD

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

↑American Short Hair

THE MOST POPULAR BREED IN THE US, THE AMERICAN SHORTHAIR IS KNOWN FOR ITS LARGE PAWS. THE BREED HAS A LONG HISTORY OF LIVING AS A HUNTER, AND HAS A THICK AND SOLID COAT. THESE SOCIABLE CATS ARE EXTREMELY EASY TO KEEP AS PETS SINCE THEY ENJOY LIVING WITH PEOPLE AND OTHER ANIMALS, MAKING THEM VERY POPULAR. IN JAPAN, THE IMAGE OF THE SILVER TABBY (STRIPED) IS DOMINANT, BUT THERE IS ALSO THE BLACK SMOKE SHORTHAIR, WITH ITS COAT COLORING LIKE A LIGHT BLACK INK, IN ADDITION TO CREAM AND WHITE TABBIES.

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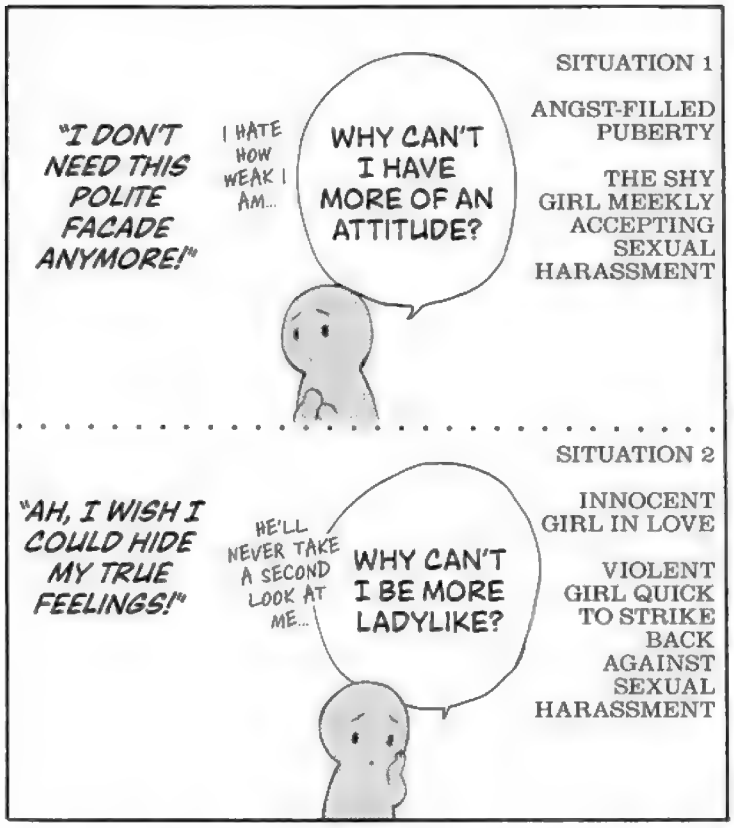
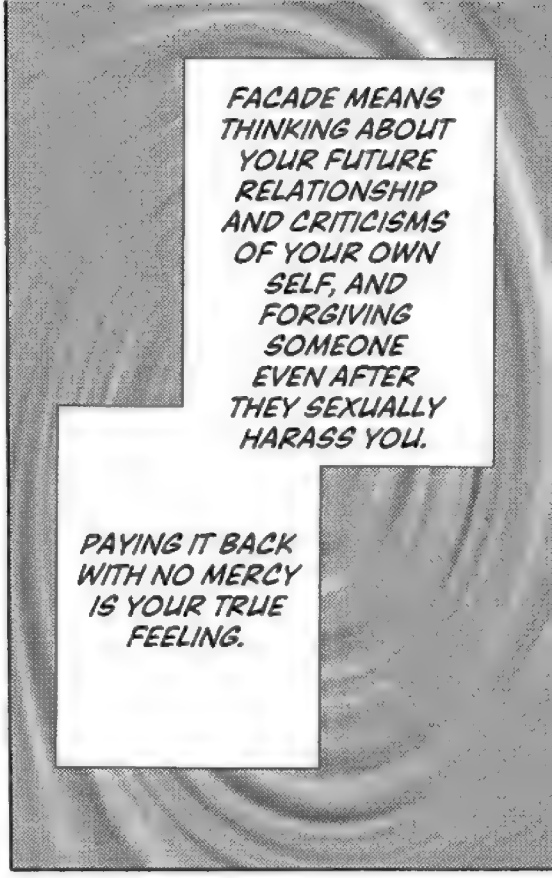
CHAPTER 3: FAIRIES DON'T GET MAD (1)

CAPTAIN!
WEATHER'S GREAT TODAY, HUH?
WAS IT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHEN YOUR CHEST STARTED GROWING INTO SUCH A GENTLE SWELL?!
WHIRL
ぷるるん
WHAM
OH, UH, I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING SERIOUS BY THAT.
IT WAS JUST SIMPLE INTEL-LECTUAL CURIOS-ITY—

NURSE'S OFFICE
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE OUR HANDSHAKE ON THE HILL.
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T HANDLE THEIR TRUE FEELINGS OR THEIR POLITE FACADE.
IT'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR A GOOD CAUSE.
BUT THE CAPTAIN DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PUTTING UP A FACADE OR ANYTHING.
AH...
THE POLITE FACADE MEANS...
NOT SAYING EVERYTHING YOU REALLY THINK, TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

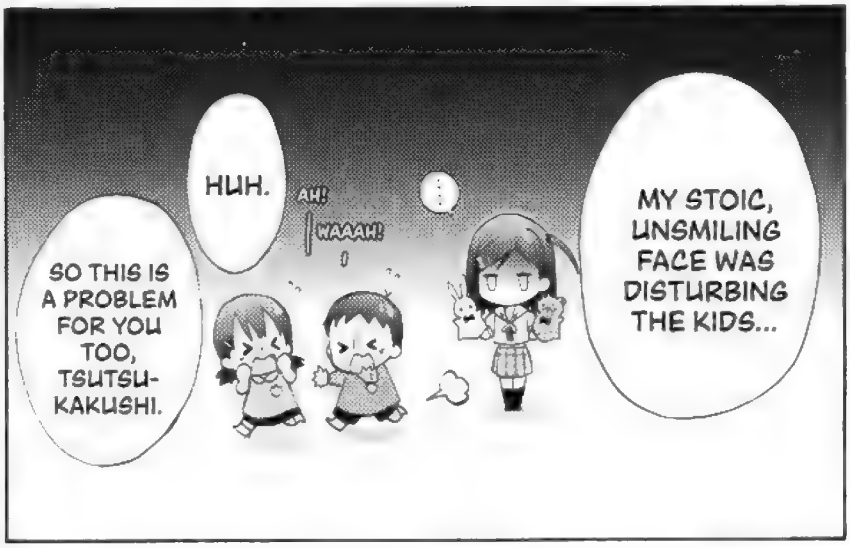

SITUATION 1
ANGST-FILLED PUBERTY
THE SHY GIRL MEEKLY ACCEPTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT
"I DON'T NEED THIS POLITE FACADE ANYMORE!"
I HATE HOW WEAK I AM...
WHY CAN'T I HAVE MORE OF AN ATTITUDE?
SITUATION 2
INNOCENT GIRL IN LOVE
VIOLENT GIRL QUICK TO STRIKE BACK AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT
"AH, I WISH I COULD HIDE MY TRUE FEELINGS!"
HE'LL NEVER TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT ME...
WHY CAN'T I BE MORE LADYLIKE?

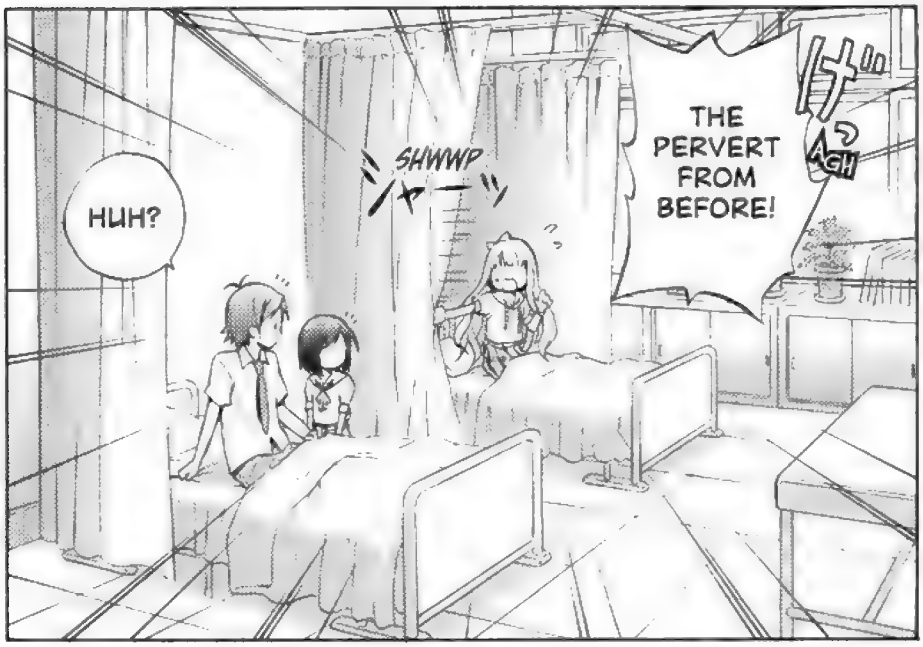

FACADE MEANS THINKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP AND CRITICISMS OF YOUR OWN SELF, AND FORGIVING SOMEONE EVEN AFTER THEY SEXUALLY HARASS YOU.
PAYING IT BACK WITH NO MERCY IS YOUR TRUE FEELING.

WE SET OUR SIGHTS ON GIRLS LIKE THAT AND SEDUCE THEM. A CLEVER STRATEGY...
OR IT WOULD'VE BEEN...
YOU'RE GONNA CRY?!
TH-THAT'S NO GOOD?
IT'S THE WORST.
UNFORTUNATELY, MY FACE WON'T CRY RIGHT NOW.
UH...
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME CRY WITH SUCH HENTAI TALK.

BECAUSE OF MY FACE, I HAVE TO SIT OUT MY AFTER-SCHOOL GROUP.
IT'S A CHILD WELFARE GROUP.
WE VISIT PRESCHOOLS AND YOUTH CENTERS, AND SPEND TIME WITH THE CHILDREN.

OH, HEY, HOW ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?
IS YOUR LACK OF EXPRESSION WEIRD FOR THEM?


MY STOIC, UNSMILING FACE WAS DISTURBING THE KIDS...
HUH.
AH!
WAAAH!
SO THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR YOU TOO, TSUTSU-KAKUSHI.


HUH?
SHWWP
THE PERVERT FROM BEFORE!
AGH

MMM YOU GUYS ARE REALLY LOUD.
RUB RUB
NO, MY FAMILY—

AZUSA AZUKI!
OH! IS SHE A SOPHO-MORE?
HEY, YOU'RE HERE, TOO.
YOU SLEEP WELL?
AH!
YOU GOT SOME DROOL MARKS ON YOUR CHEEK.
ALTHOUGH I GUESS FOR A PRINCESS LIKE YOU, EVEN DROOL'S A FASHION STATEMENT.
HAVE A TISSUE.
TH-THAT'S RIGHT!
NATURALLY, IT'S THERE ON PURPOSE!
AND-MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
SNATCH

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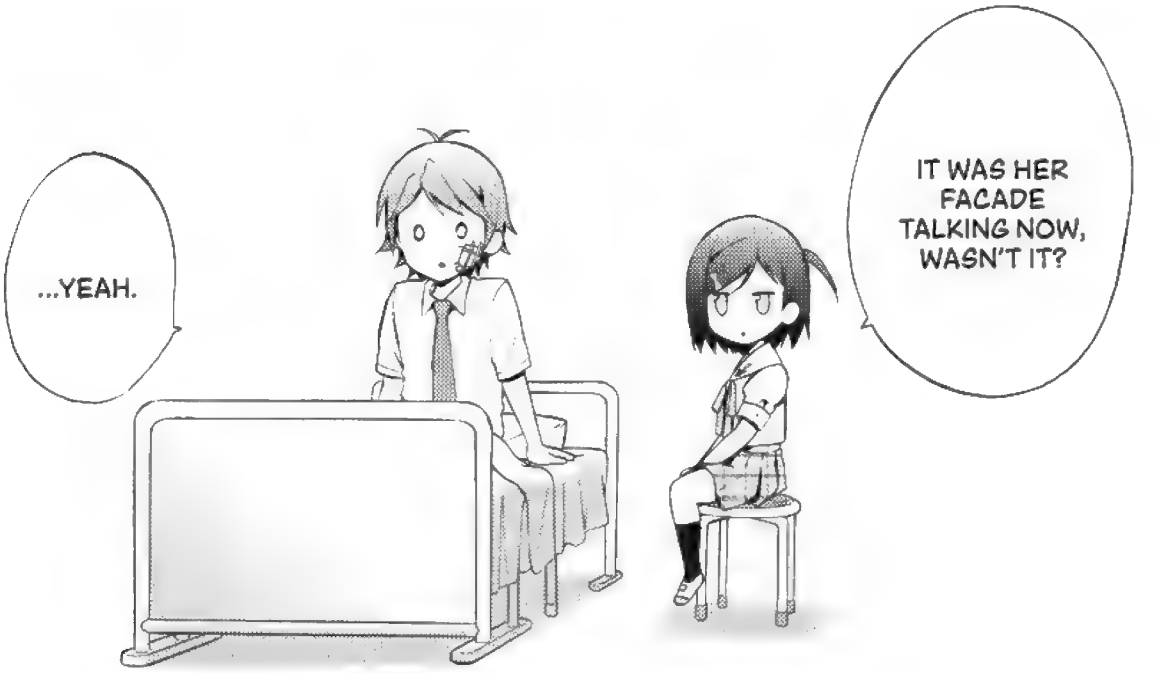
AH!
GOT IT.
SO, THE BEDHEAD...
STARE
THE HALF-UNBUTTONED BLOUSE...
THE TURNED-UP SKIRT, IT'S ALL ON PURPOSE.
YOU'RE A RESTLESS SLEEPER. OR WAIT! MAYBE YOU'RE TRYING TO SEDUCE ME?
WHA—?!
NO WAY A PRINCESS LIKE YOU WOULDN'T CHECK HOW SHE LOOKS.
ACTUALLY, IT'D BE PRETTY GREAT IF IT WAS ON PURPOSE.

DON'T SPEAK SO CRUDELY!
...WELL, WHATEVER.
GRR... YOU'RE THE HENTAI HERE...
SEDUCE ME SOME OTHER TIME, OKAY?
NOW'S NOT GOOD. SORRY.
WHOA. DON'T BLUSH.
...AREN'T YOU BEING TOYED WITH BY A HENTAI?
EXCUSE ME, BUT IF MY PERCEPTION ISN'T MISTAKEN...

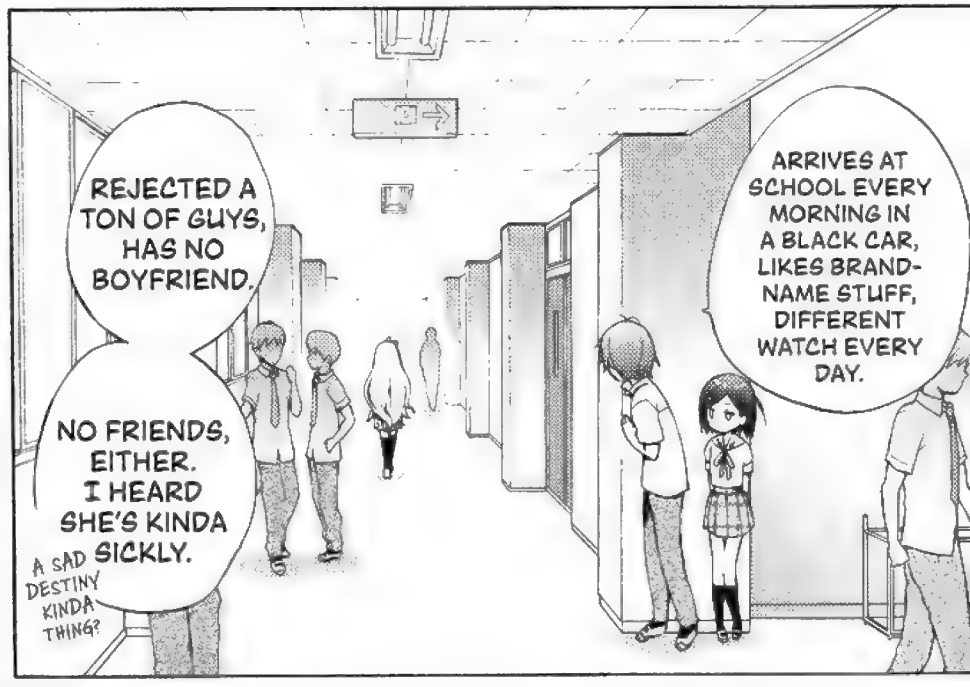
T-TOYED WITH?!
BY THIS PERVERT?!
I MEAN, YOU'RE A PRINCESS. THERE'S NO WAY A PEASANT LIKE ME COULD RUFFLE YOUR FEATHERS.
CAN'T BE.
YOU HENTAI JERK!
SLAP!

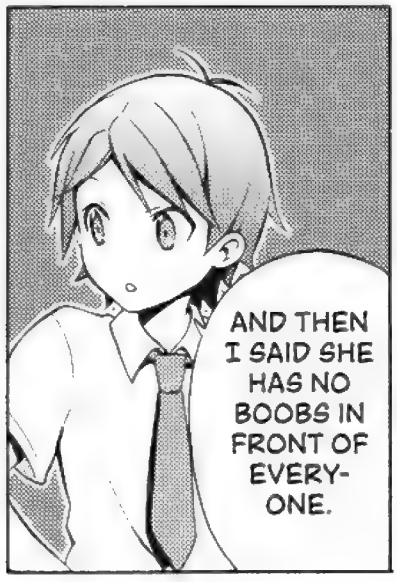
CLATTER CLATTER
ピシャ!
SLAM
I'M THE ONE WHO TOYS WITH THE HEARTS OF MONGRELS!
TH-THAT'S RIGHT!
FWP


...YEAH.
IT WAS HER FACADE TALKING NOW, WASN'T IT?

AZUSA AZUKI...
JUNIOR YEAR, CLASS TWO, STAR SIGN AQUARIUS, BLOOD TYPE A, NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS.
THE NEXT DAY...

YOU REALLY CHECKED HER OUT.
GRAB
GYAH ?!


REJECTED A TON OF GUYS, HAS NO BOYFRIEND.
NO FRIENDS, EITHER. I HEARD SHE'S KINDA SICKLY.
A SAD DESTINY KINDA THING?
ARRIVES AT SCHOOL EVERY MORNING IN A BLACK CAR, LIKES BRAND-NAME STUFF, DIFFERENT WATCH EVERY DAY.


AND THEN I SAID SHE HAS NO BOOBS IN FRONT OF EVERY-ONE.

NO FRIENDS EITHER... REALLY?
I MEAN, YOU SEE HER DURING "REWARD TIME."
A GIRL THAT CUTE AND THAT RICH SHOULD REALLY BE SUPER POPULAR.
EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS SMALL BOOBS

GRRRRRRRRRR
MM HMM...
I'LL KILL YOU
AREN'T YOU HILARIOUS.
LET'S HAVE A LITTLE TALK...
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S UNNATURAL?
SHE'S STRONG-WILLED, BUT SHE HAS TO KEEP UP HER PRINCESS REPUTATION.
YOU SAID THAT?
YOU REALLY ARE A HENTAI.
BUT SHE HASN'T SAID A SINGLE BAD THING ABOUT ME.
AND IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE, TOO... SHE'S STUCK BECAUSE SHE HAS TO PLAY THE PRINCESS.
THAT KIND OF POWERFUL FACADE USUALLY ISN'T POSSIBLE.
SHE MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF TRICK...
DIDN'T YOUR LEATHER BELT DISAPPEAR WHEN WE WERE AT THE STONY CAT?
HM?
...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT CHOKER ON HER NECK.

IT'S THE MEAT BUN SYSTEM... SHE NEEDED IT, SO AZUKI GOT A POLITE FACE.
IN WHICH CASE, THIS WILL BE A PROBLEM.
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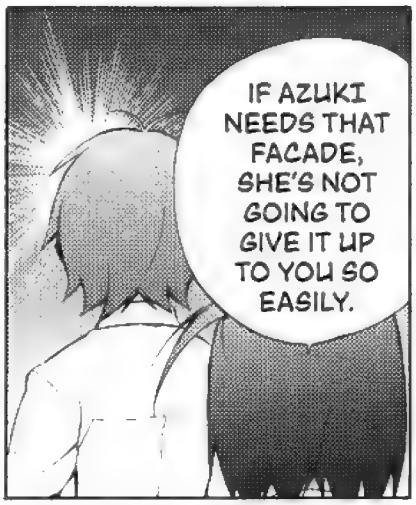
AZUSA AZUKI HAS MY LEATHER BELT! ...WHICH MEANS... NO WAY!
IT DOES LOOK JUST LIKE IT!

I'M GONNA GO TALK TO HER!
STOMP
OH, UH?


IF AZUKI NEEDS THAT FACADE, SHE'S NOT GOING TO GIVE IT UP TO YOU SO EASILY.

I'VE BEEN PUNCHED! CURSED AT!
TAK
TAK
I'VE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THAT FACADE!
THERE'S NO ONE WHO NEEDS A FACADE MORE THAN ME!
SHE NEEDS IT...?!
I CAN'T LET HER AND HER FLAT CHEST WIN!
NOW I'M MAD!
AND AZUSA AZUKI IS WALKING AROUND SHAMELESSLY AFTER STEALING IT FROM ME!
AZUSA AZUKI! GIVE ME BACK MY PRECIOUS TREASURE!

THIS PAIN!

THIS SUFFER-ING!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FIX IT!

TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY!

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HUH?!

I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS!

AND THEN I FIGURED IT OUT!

YOU'VE STOLEN EVERYTHING FROM ME!

I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU AND WATCHING YOU!

BANG

GAH

MURMUR
YEAH. I GOT GOOSE-BUMPS.
STILL FEELS PRETTY HENTAI.
DOES THIS MEAN HE'S SWITCHED HIS FOCUS FROM THE IRON KING?!

THE HENTAI PRINCE'S CONFESSION OF LOVE IS A DIFFERENT FLAVOR AFTER ALL!
GASP

MURMUR
MURMUR
WHAT'S SHE GONNA SAY?
AZUSA AZUKI, QUEEN OF REWARD TIME...

IS HE TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT...?!
WH-WHAT IS HE UP TO ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
W—
WELL?
YOU ROAR LIKE A LION, BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT.

BUT THOSE SWEET LIPS, THOSE ADORABLE FLOWERS ONLY SPILL FORTH THE CLEVER WORDS OF THE FACADE OF A PRINCESS, KEENLY AWARE OF THE EYES AROUND HER.
HER TRUE FEELING HAS TO BE A DESIRE TO SAVAGELY WRING MY NECK 'TIL I'M DEAD.
RAGE-FILLED EYES GLARE AT ME AS IF WILLING MY DEATH.
DAMMIT!
IT'S TO THE POINT WHERE I WANT ALL OF YOU RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!
THAT FACADE THAT USED TO BE MINE!
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, ANY TIME, ANY PLACE, AT ANY COST!
BUT ENOUGH NONSENSE!
AT LEAST... LET ME BE WITH YOU!
A-A-A-A-ALL OF ME?!

BAM
LIKE YOU'RE SHARING SOMETHING SUPER PRECIOUS!
OPEN YOUR HEART AND YOUR BODY TO ME!
AND WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT, YOU JUST...
WH-WHA-WHA...
ザワ MURMUR
MURMUR ザワ
WHISPER

.....
F-FINE! I GET IT!
THE VERY IDEA OF A HENTAI BOYFRIEND—
NO, WAIT.
THERE'S A PROPER ORDER TO THINGS, YOU KNOW.
FOR EXAMPLE, RIGHT.
IF IT'S JUST CARRYING MY STUFF...
OR WARMING UP MY SHOES...
NO, THAT WOULD MAKE A HENTAI LIKE YOU TOO HAPPY...
CREAK
...A PET! THAT'S IT, A PET!
IF YOU'RE FINE WITH ME TREATING YOU LIKE A PET, THEN YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH ME.
BUT, HONESTLY ...

WOOF!

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WOOF!
わん！
PAT
GAH
RUFF COURSE! IF IT MEANS I CAN BE WITH YOU! I'LL BE YOUR DOG!
WH-WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? A PET! YOU DO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THAT WORD, DON'T YOU?!

I GET ALL SHIVERY AT THE THOUGHT OF THE HUMILIATION OF BEING THE PRINCESS'S DOG...
AND ...
BUT ...
I MEAN, THERE'S NO WAY THIS ISN'T EMBARRASSING FOR ME.

I'M AS HAPPY AS A CHEETAH ALL TUCKED IN...
W-WOW ...
GREAT ...
AZUSA AZUKI, YOU CAN'T REFUSE ME AFTER INVITING ME, THANKS TO YOUR FACADE!
GLITTER

OOOOOH
おおお
SHE'S DOWN!
THE IMPREG-NABLE FORTRESS?
BUT I TOLD HER I LIKED HER A MILLION TIMES.
ME, TOO.

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

...THAT'S IT EXACTLY.
SLUMP

WHAT A LOVELY STORY...
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CASTING HIS OWN SELF TO THE WINDS, THE HENTAI PRINCE OBTAINED THE TREASURE OF TRUE LOVE.

The "HENTAI" prince and the stony cat.

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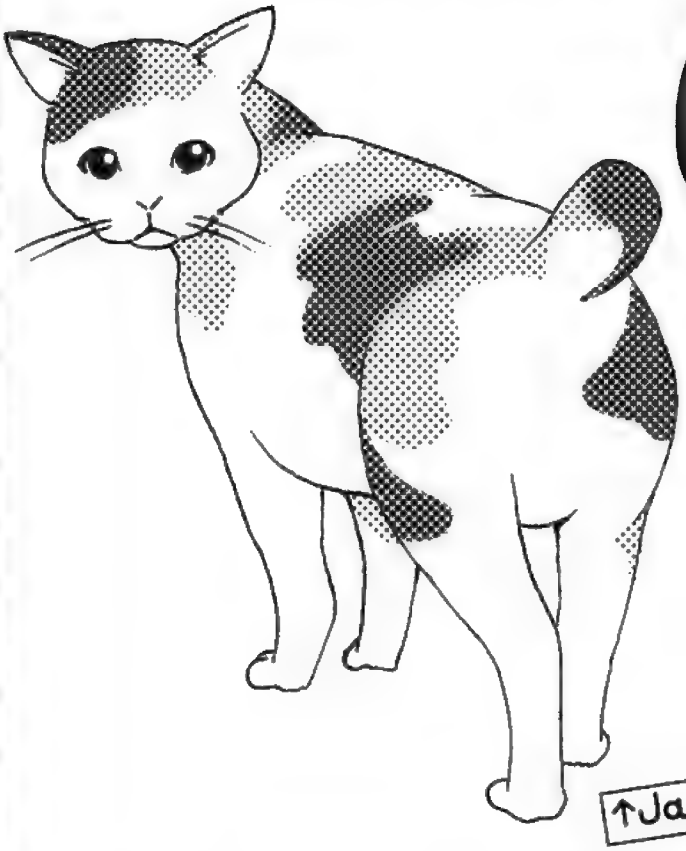
ILLUSTRATED CATS OF THE WORLD

JAPANESE BOBTAIL



↑Japanese Bob Tail

A JAPANESE BREED, THE BOBTAIL'S MAIN CHARACTERISTIC IS ITS SHORT, ROUND TAIL. HOWEVER, IT WAS IN THE US WHERE THE BREED WAS IMPROVED AND PLANNED BREEDING TOOK PLACE, LEADING TO THE JAPANESE BOBTAIL'S ACCEPTANCE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS IN 1976. SAID TO HAVE COME OVER FROM CHINA PRIOR TO THE FIRST CENTURY AS A MUTATION, THE CAT WILL NOT HAVE ITS PECULIAR SHORT TAIL UNLESS BOTH PARENTS HAVE THE SAME MUTATION, SINCE THE TAIL IS CAUSED BY A RECESSIVE GENE. THE BOBTAIL IS EXTREMELY SOCIABLE AND GENTLE, AND NOT UNDULY BOTHERED BY CHANGES IN ITS ENVIRONMENT. A LONG-HAIRED JAPANESE BOBTAIL HAS ALSO BEEN CERTIFIED.

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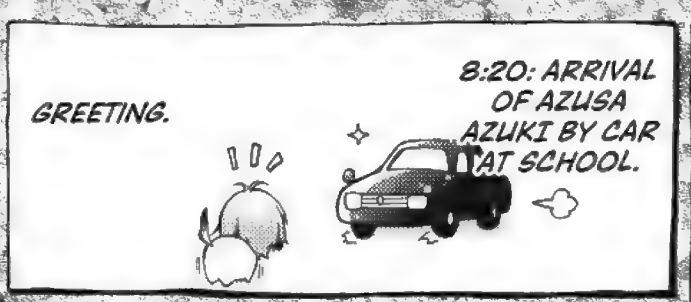
CHAPTER 4: FAIRIES DON'T GET MAD (2)



DISCOVERED HER CELL PHONE.
INVESTIGATED THE AREA AROUND MY MASTER'S DESK.
* BRAND-NAME STRAP.
WENT TO AZUSA AZUKI'S CLASS DURING THE BREAK.
WASN'T THERE.
I'M AT THE TOP OF THE LIST.
NO ADDRESSES SAVED.
WENT UP TO THE ROOF. IN THE SHADOW OF THE WATER TANK.
FOUND HER. SLEEPING.
SHE WAS TOSSING AND TURNING, SO I DREW ON HER STOMACH.
SNRRR

AT LUNCH, AZUSA AZUKI STOPPED BY.
HUGE SMILE ON HER FACE.
SENT HER A COMMEMORATIVE PHOTO, "THE TANUKI POM POKO AND THE PRINCESS."
LEFT A NOTE BY HER HEAD: "YOU DROPPED THIS SO I BROUGHT IT TO YOU. I WIPED AWAY YOUR DROOL FOR YOU."
ARRIVED AT THE BACK GARDEN; NO ONE THERE.
SHE STRANGLED ME.
TOOK MY CELL PHONE. ERASED THE DATA. DELETED HER ADDRESS. I TRIED TO PROTEST, BUT SHE WAS STRANGLING ME.
WE WENT FOR A FRIENDLY WALK.
SO LUCKY TO BE HER PET.
EVERYONE WAS SMILING. I WAS SMILING, TOO.
HOME.
MADE PLANS LIKE, MAYBE I SHOULD CHASE MY MASTER THIS TIME.
OR HER PET MIGHT DO THINGS LIKE RUN OFF WITH HER SWIMSUIT IN HIS MOUTH.
IN BED AROUND ONE O'CLOCK ...
EVERYONE AROUND US IN AN UPROAR.
DURING THE BREAK, I KNELT AND BOWED DEEPLY IN AZUSA AZUKI'S CLASSROOM. "I WON'T TOUCH YOU AGAIN."
orz

KA-TUNK
KA-TUNK
WELL.
IS THE LIFE OF A PET FUN?
IS IT?
SPEAK FOR YOUR MASTER!
LIE DOWN! BEG!
THE REWARD OF BRUSHING! BATHS TOGETHER!
OR I EXPECTED SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES, AT LEAST...
NO
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE HARD TO HELP, HENTAI.
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY MORALS?

TSUTSU-KAKUSHI'S BEEN PRETTY GRUMPY LATELY.
WE'RE GETTING TOGETHER FOR AN INTERIM REPORT...
IT'S NOT AN EVERYDAY THING, SO WE'RE HEADED TO THE NEIGHBORING TOWN.
WITH HER COOKIE-LIKE HAT AND HER CHOCOLATE-COLORED PLEATED SKIRT...
...SHE LOOKS LIKE A CITIZEN OF A CANDY WORLD. VERY CUTE.
IF THIS WAS A DATE...
...ARE YOU THINKING OF SOME-THING RUDE?
O-OF COURSE NOT!
I WAS ONLY THINKING ABOUT YOU A LITTLE!
IF AZUSA AZUKI WOULD JUST HATE ME MORE, SHE'D BE ALL, "I DON'T NEED THIS FACADE!"...
OR AT LEAST I THINK SHE'D BE...
THE THING IS...
...IS THAT SO?
YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT ME A LITTLE?

BAM
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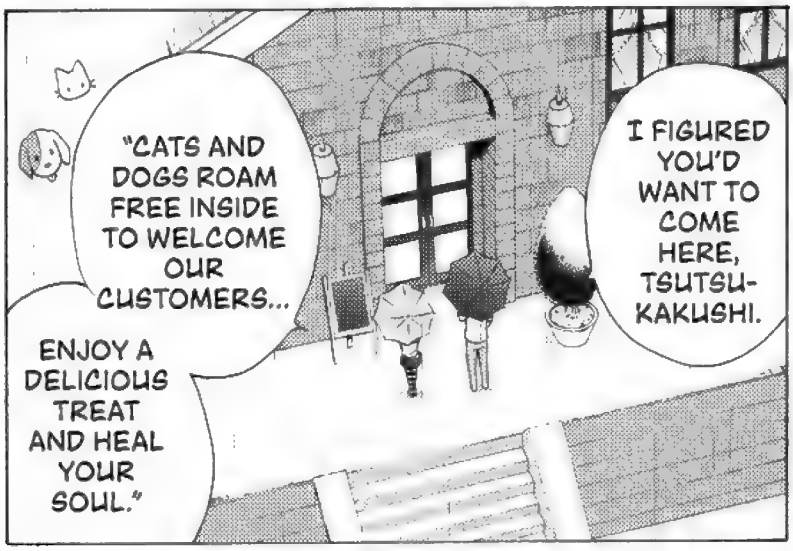
アニマルカフェ
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE MEETING TO THINK ABOUT TODAY!
SOFT 'N' FLUFFY ANIMAL CAFE


"CATS AND DOGS ROAM FREE INSIDE TO WELCOME OUR CUSTOMERS...
ENJOY A DELICIOUS TREAT AND HEAL YOUR SOUL."
I FIGURED YOU'D WANT TO COME HERE, TSUTSU-KAKUSHI.

わふもふ
アニマルカフェ
A... JAPANESE-STYLE ANIMAL CAFE?

KA-CHAK
IT'S FINE.
SHALL WE GO IN?

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TA-DA!
WELCOME HOME, MASTER!
MEOW!
SO IT WAS THE WAITRESSES YOU WERE AFTER.
OF COURSE...
N-NO ...
ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF ME WAS THINKING THE DOGS AND CATS ARE GREAT, TOO...

FWP

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CHATTER
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CHATTER
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MURMUR
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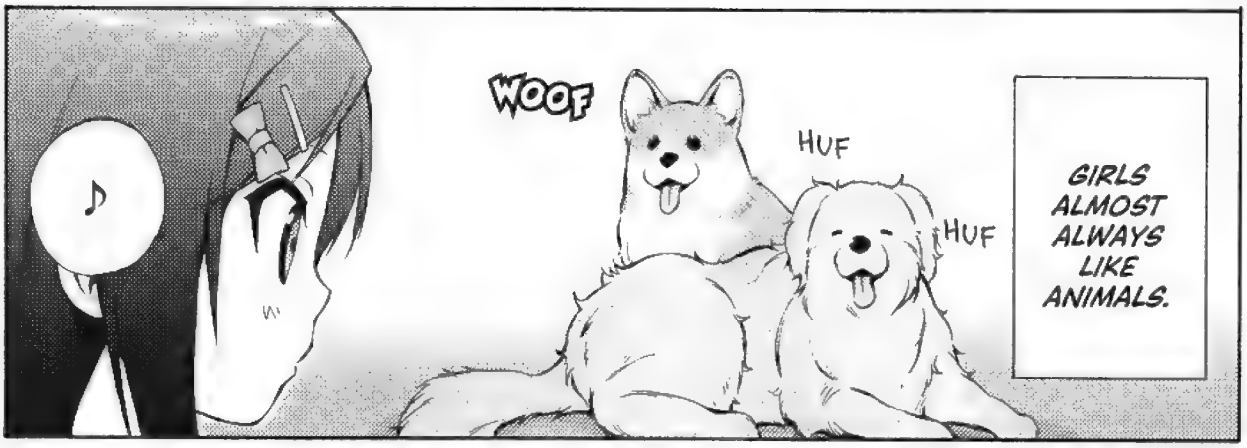
MURMUR
I'M KIDDING.
IT'S VERY NICE.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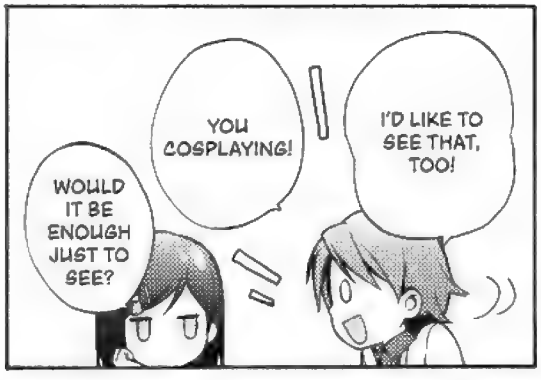
WOOF
HUF
HUF
GIRLS ALMOST ALWAYS LIKE ANIMALS.

...I ALSO THINK THE UNIFORMS ARE CUTE.
RIGHT?!
THE TRUTH IS, I'M ATTRACTED TO THE ANIMAL MAIDS.
PAD PAD PAD
I'LL GET TSUTSUKAKUSHI IN A GOOD MOOD AND HAVE HER COME UP WITH A STRATEGY FOR AZUSA AZUKI.
...WELL, THAT'S IT OSTENSIBLY.
SQUEEZE
もしゅん♡

APPARENTLY, WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR, YOU CAN GIVE THEM ORDERS...
...LIKE "SPEAK FOR YOUR MASTER! LIE DOWN! BEG! HERE'S YOUR TREAT!" LIKE A DREAM.
ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'LL ASK PONTA TO COME WITH ME.


WOULD IT BE ENOUGH JUST TO SEE?
YOU COSPLAYING!
I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT, TOO!

I'D LIKE TO TRY WEARING THAT JUST ONCE.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ROMANCE, BUT...
COOL, HUH? LIKE AN OLD JAPANESE ROMANCE.

THEN I MOST DEFINITELY WILL NOT PUT THAT ON.
IT MOST DEFINITELY WOULD NOT!

WH—
GRASP
ガシャ
WHY ARE YOU—

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...
.....
OOOH...
NO...
BECAUSE YOU'RE A HENTAI?!
BECAUSE YOU'RE A HENTAI, RIGHT?!
WHY DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?!
.....
JUST A COINCI-DENCE ...
AH!
...
AZUSA! CUSTOMER SERVICE!
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY!
ANYWAY, THE TEA CUPS...
ALTHOUGH IT'S HARD TO DENY THAT HE IS A HENTAI.

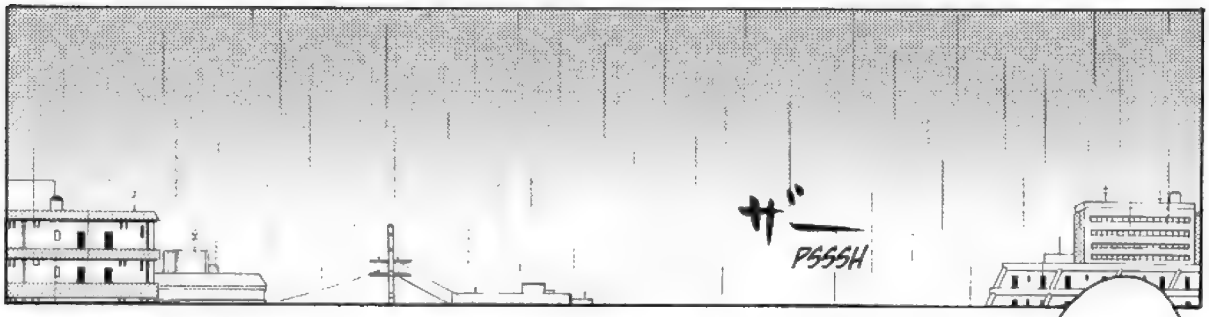
ぴょこっ
WIGGLE
PLEASE GIVE YOUR PET AN ORDER.
ぴょこぴょこ
WIGGLE
ぴょこぴょこん
WIGGLE
GRIN
...GOOD AFTER-NOON, MASTER.
...WELL, THEN.
...
GLOOOOOM
IS THERE A PROBLEM, MISS MAID?
THAT'S...
OH, MASTER ...
RRRR...
WHAT ?!
ぱぁ
YAY
I'LL HAVE THE JAPANESE CUTLET WITH ANIMAL MAID "OPEN WIDE!" SERVICE!

I'M YOUR MASTER...
AND YOU...
OF...
CUUUUTE
OF COURSE, MEOWSTER!
I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR MY MASTER! MEW!

GRRRR
HUH

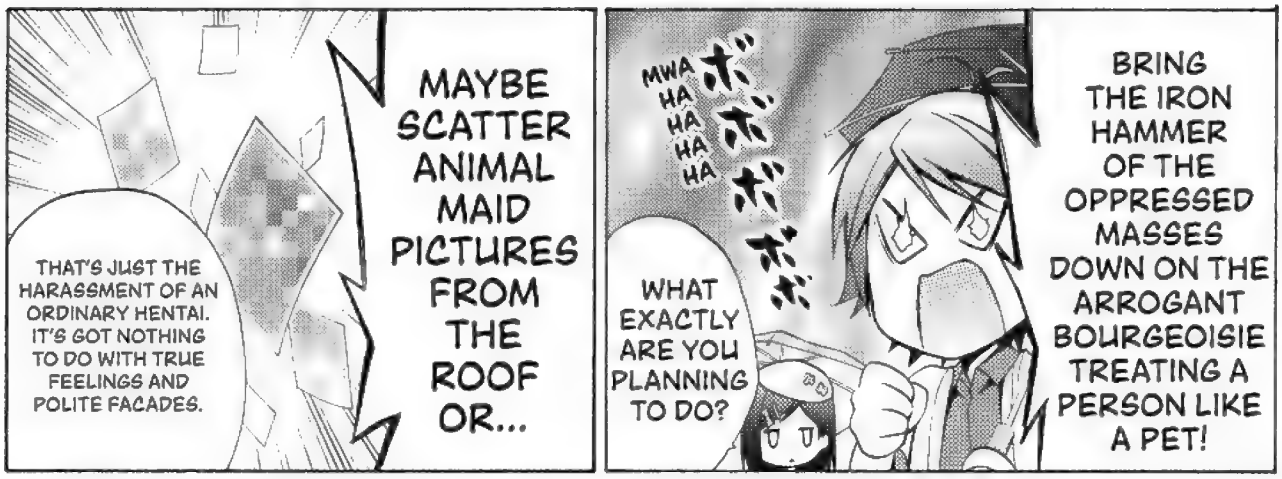
ARGH
STOMP

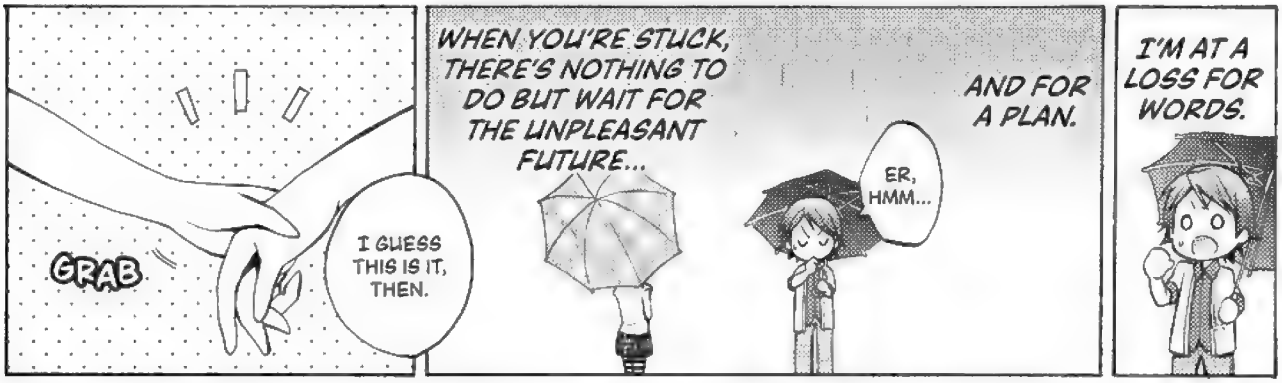
GRRRRR
I'LL HAVE A BEAN JAM CAKE AND A SANDWICH.
THAT'S GOOD, RIGHT?
HER GAZE IS SO COLD!


PSSSH

AND MAYBE THE PRINCESS WANTED TO PLAY WITH FIRE, BUT THAT CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT.
I MEAN, SCHOOL RULES SAY WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE JOBS.
YOU'RE MAKING QUITE AN EVIL FACE.

IT'S REALLY POURING, HUH?
BUT I'M GLAD WE FOUND OUT AZUSA AZUKI'S SECRET.
NOW WE CAN MAKE SOME REAL PROGRESS!


MAYBE SCATTER ANIMAL MAID PICTURES FROM THE ROOF OR...
THAT'S JUST THE HARASSMENT OF AN ORDINARY HENTAI. IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH TRUE FEELINGS AND POLITE FACADES.
MWA HA HA HA HA
ガガガガ
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
BRING THE IRON HAMMER OF THE OPPRESSED MASSES DOWN ON THE ARROGANT BOURGEOISIE TREATING A PERSON LIKE A PET!


GRAB
I GUESS THIS IS IT, THEN.
WHEN YOU'RE STUCK, THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT FOR THE UNPLEASANT FUTURE...
AND FOR A PLAN.
ER, HMM...
I'M AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.

HOTEL OSCAR WILDE
GULP!
WHOA?!
WHAT THE—!
WHAT ARE YOU—?!

COME WITH ME.
HUH?

ENT OF LOVE...
M 4,000 YEN
M 7,000 YEN
LOVE...

WE'LL WAIT FOR AZUKI TO COME OUT.
I SAW HER SHIFT SCHEDULE WHEN I WENT TO THE WASHROOM BEFORE.
OH, GETTING OUT OF THE RAIN?

I—
I—
I'M NOT VERY EXPERI-ENCED... BE GENTLE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M JUST GETTING OUT OF THE RAIN.
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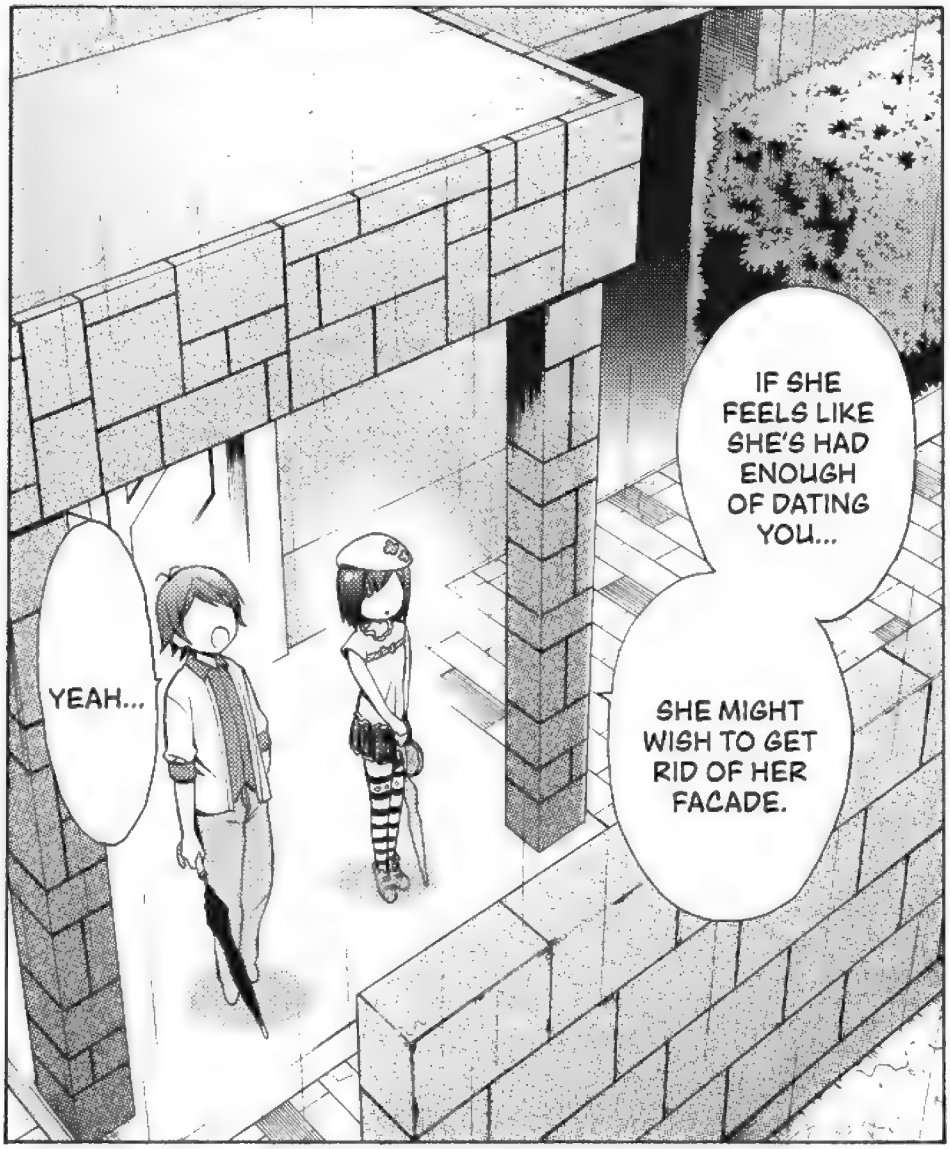

YEAH...
IF SHE FEELS LIKE SHE'S HAD ENOUGH OF DATING YOU...
SHE MIGHT WISH TO GET RID OF HER FACADE.

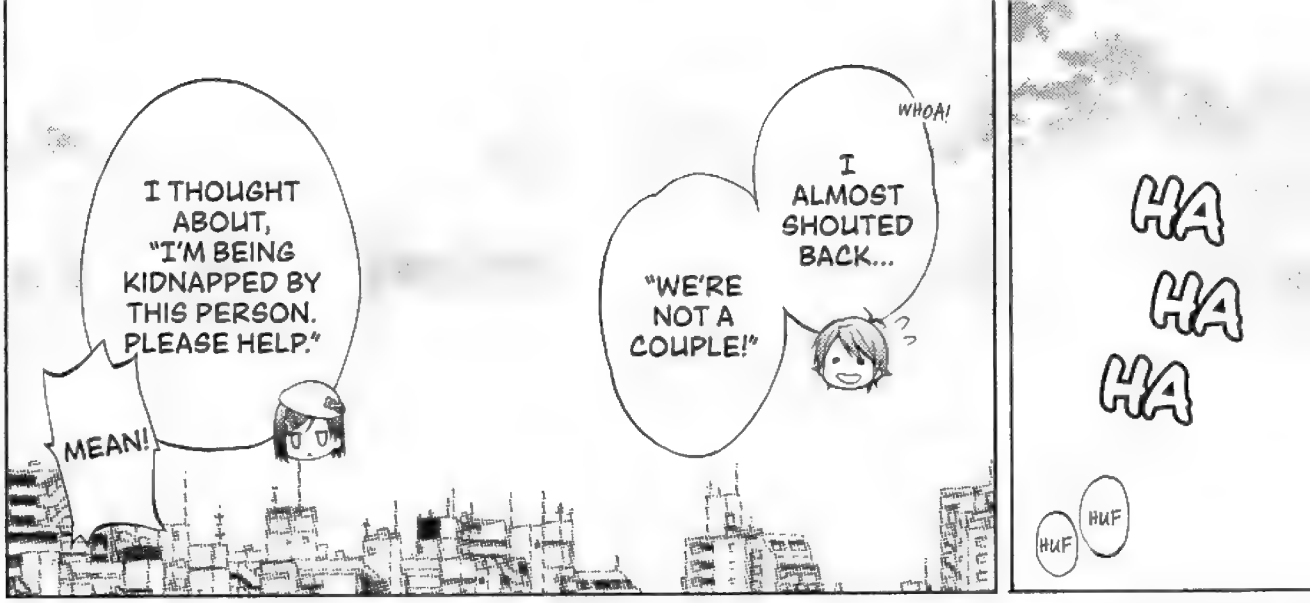
I THINK YOU SHOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "I'M TELLING!" AND GRADUALLY MAKE HER HATE YOU.

IS THAT SO?
I THOUGHT FOR SURE WE WERE GOING INTO THE HOTEL!
I HAD SOME WEIRD HOPE!
I WISH YOU'D SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BEFORE!
...YOU WERE HOPING?
PSSH

I CAN'T TELL WHAT SHE'S REALLY FEELING.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TSUTSUKAKUSHI'S THINKING...
BUT I'M ALLOWED TO AT LEAST SAY THAT, RIGHT?
NO DISPLAYS HERE!
HUH?!
GASP
UHM
LOOM
YOU UNDERAGE BRATS AREN'T ALLOWED IN HERE!
YOU LOOKING TO DIE OR SOME-THING?!

GRAB...
!
.....
DO YOU KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE TO CHANGE THOSE SHEETS?
OF COURSE YOU DON'T!
I WORK PART-TIME AT THIS LOVE HOTEL ON SUNDAYS.
I WAS JUST DUMPED, BUT HERE I AM, HARD AT WORK.
SHE'S SCARED...
DASH
ALL THOSE COUPLES CAN SCREW THEMSELVES
STUPID IDIOTS
RIGHT. SHE'S JUST A REGULAR GIRL, AFTER ALL.

I HAVE TO KEEP HER SAFE...


I THOUGHT ABOUT, "I'M BEING KIDNAPPED BY THIS PERSON. PLEASE HELP."
MEAN!
WHOA!
I ALMOST SHOUTED BACK...
"WE'RE NOT A COUPLE!"
HA HA HA
HUF HUF

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
DUNNO.

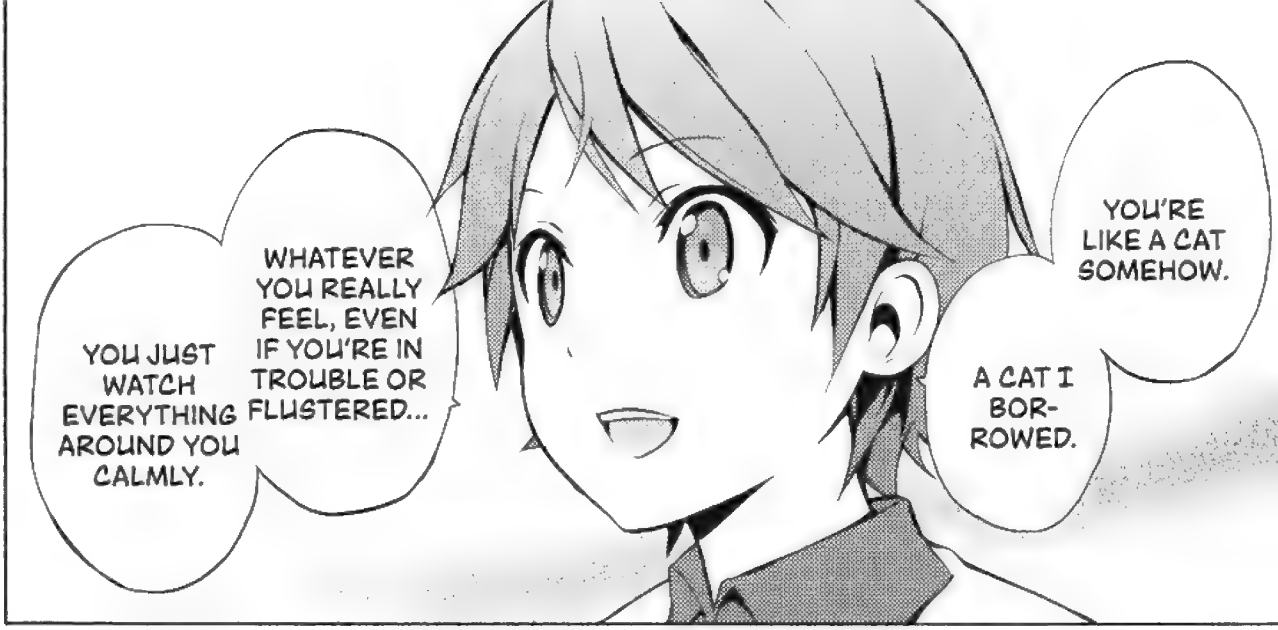
DO WE LOOK LIKE A COUPLE?

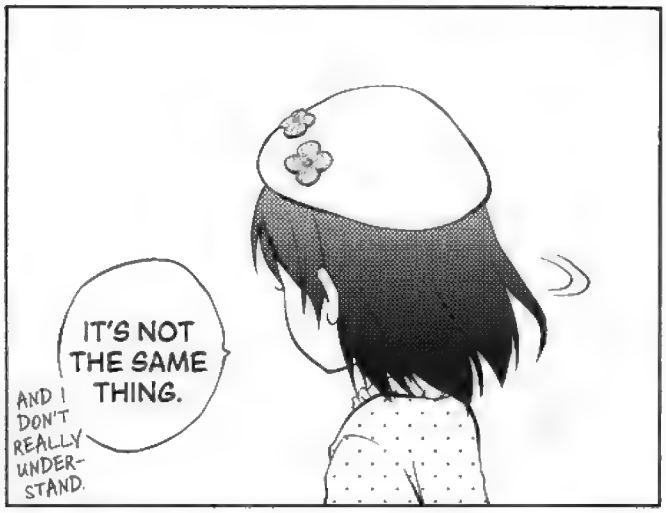
I ALWAYS JUST RUN AWAY.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND BOYS, AND IT'S HARD TO SPEAK TO THEM.
BECAUSE MY FATHER DIED BEFORE I COULD EVEN TALK...

YOU DON'T FEEL AWKWARD AROUND ME?
AND NOW?
HUH...

GUY FRIENDS... NOT EVEN ONE?
I DON'T KNOW. I'VE NEVER HAD A GUY FRIEND BEFORE.
AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRIENDS AND A COUPLE...

I PROBABLY DO, BUT...
FORTU-NATELY, IT DOESN'T SHOW UP ON MY FACE.
IT'S JUST LIKE BEING ABLE TO HIDE IN THE DARK AT NIGHT.
THIS IS THE ONLY THING I'M GRATEFUL TO THE CAT STATUE FOR.
...WHAT IS IT?


YOU'RE LIKE A CAT SOMEHOW.
A CAT I BOR-ROWED.
WHATEVER YOU REALLY FEEL, EVEN IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE OR FLUSTERED...
YOU JUST WATCH EVERYTHING AROUND YOU CALMLY.


IT'S NOT THE SAME THING.
AND I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND.

...

THERE SHE IS! AZUSA AZUKI!
AFTER HER!
RIGHT!

HEH HEH
HEY!

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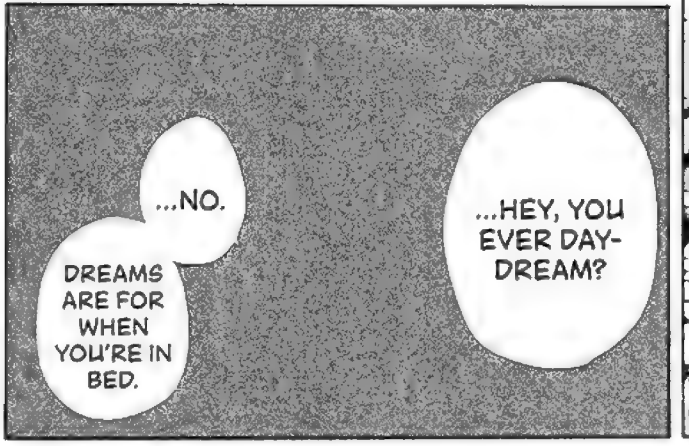
...HEY, YOU EVER DAY-DREAM?
...NO.
DREAMS ARE FOR WHEN YOU'RE IN BED.

THIS SEEMS TOO TOUGH FOR A PRINCESS'S PART-TIME JOB...
THIS WHOLE THING JUST GOT REALLY WEIRD...
AND THIS AFTER THE ANIMAL MAID?

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JUST LIKE ITS NAME IMPLIES, THIS BREED ORIGINATED IN RUSSIA, BUT WAS NAMED IN THE UK. ORIGINALLY CALLED THE ARCHANGEL CAT, THE RUSSIAN BLUE FOUND GREAT POPULARITY IN EUROPE. IDENTIFYING FEATURES INCLUDE A BLUE COAT AND EMERALD GREEN EYES, AND THE SO-CALLED "RUSSIAN SMILE," THE UNIQUE NEAR-SMILE THE CAT WEARS, IS ALSO QUITE FAMOUS. THIS BREED ALMOST NEVER MEOWS, SO MUCH SO THAT RUSSIAN BLUE IS ALMOST A NICKNAME FOR VOICELESS CAT, AND WITH ITS "DOG-LIKE PERSONALITY," IT IS ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR ITS INTENSE LOYALTY.

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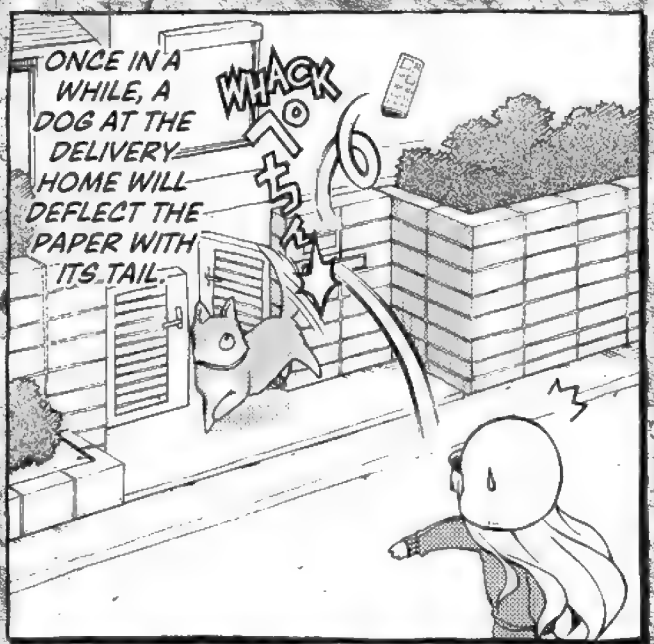
CHAPTER 5: FAIRIES DON'T GET MAD (3)



NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE ORDINARY PUBLIC HOUSING APARTMENT WHERE AZUSA AZUKI LIVES.
B
PLAYING WITH DOGS AND CATS, SHE TASTES THE SIMPLE PLEASURES OF BEING ALIVE.
AZUSA AZUKI GIGGLES AS SHE THROWS HERSELF INTO A GAME OF CATCH WITH THE PLAYFUL CREATURE.
WHEN HER BALLOON-FLYING FATHER WAS STILL ALIVE, HER MOTHER NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
HER MOTHER'S FOND OF SAYING, "WELL, IF YOU WANT A PET, JUST HAVE A BABY."
WORDS THAT MAKE HER RECALL THE BOTTOMLESS QUAGMIRE OF LIFE.

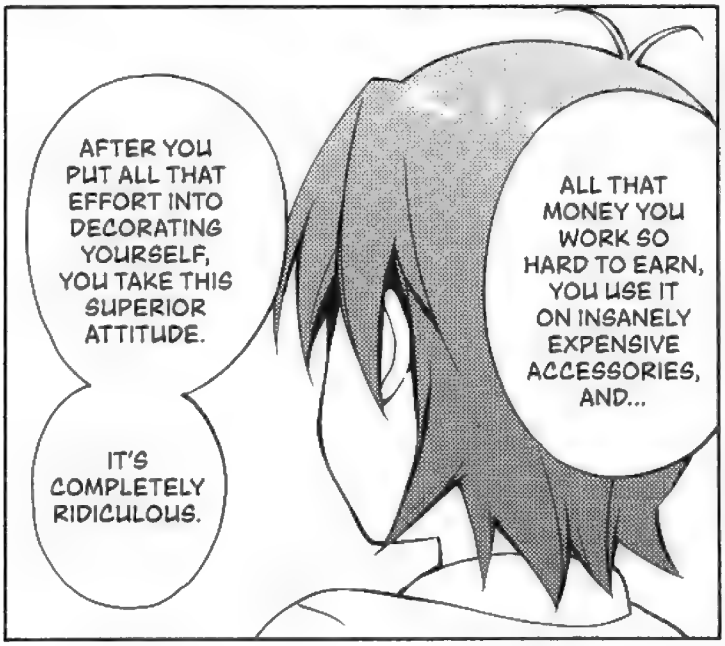
SHE'S BUSY AFTER SCHOOL, AND HAS TO LEAVE THE CLASS-ROOM RIGHT AWAY.
DASH
SHE ALWAYS MAKES UP FOR IT BY SLEEPING IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
NURSE'S OFFICE
AZUSA AZUKI'S STILL SLEEPY WHEN IT'S TIME FOR HER TO GO TO SCHOOL.
THE REASON SHE DECIDED ON THE ANIMAL MAID JOB WAS BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT NO ONE SHE KNEW WOULD FIND HER IN THE NEIGHBORING TOWN.
AFTER SHE TAKES CARE OF HER DUTIES AS FLOOR SUPERVISOR, SHE HURRIES OVER TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.
ANOTHER ALL-NIGHTER OF TRAFFIC CONTROL IS WAITING FOR HER.

IN THE SUMMER NIGHT'S WARMTH, AZUSA AZUKI CAN GAZE UP AT THE STAR-FILLED NIGHT SKY WHILE WAVING HER GUIDANCE LIGHT.
AND AZUSA AZUKI IS NOT BOTHERED AT ALL BY THIS LIFE THAT FLIPS DAY AND NIGHT.
MY CHEST MAY VERY WELL BE FLAT, BUT...
...IF NOTHING ELSE, MY DREAMS SWELL UP LIKE DAD'S BALLOON.

I KNOW SOMEDAY
I'LL BE SUPER RICH,
RICH ENOUGH TO GRAB
THOSE STARS IN THE
SKY...

AND THAT'S A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AZUSA AZUKI.
KLAK
BIG HAND, EVERYBODY!
...YOU DIDN'T BY ANY CHANCE SPEND AN ENTIRE DAY STALKING ME?
NO.
THAT'D BE CREEPY.
I MERELY TRIED TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU PHYSICALLY AND ONE-SIDEDLY IN ORDER TO BURY THE EMOTIONAL DISTANCE BETWEEN US.
THAT'S CALLED STALKING, YOU GIANT HENTAI!

I WASN'T ASKING ABOUT THE FUTURE PLANS OF A HENTAI!
THAT'S NOT WHAT MY DAD DOES!
AND JUST WHAT WAS THAT NARRATION ABOUT?! WHAT WAS ALL THAT BALLOON FLYING?!
ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'D LIKE TO TRY FLYING.
IT'S ROMANTIC.
YOU COULDN'T FIND A PET LIKE THAT IN THIS ENTIRE WORLD EVEN IF YOU TRIED!
GOODNESS, BUT ALL I DID WAS FOLLOW MY MASTER AROUND LIKE A PET.
WHAT ARE YOU UNHAPPY—
DON'T CALL ME FLAT-CHESTED, YOU HENTAI! I'M TELLING YOU THE WHOLE THING WAS WRONG, FROM START TO FINISH! ROT IN HELL, PERVERT!
BUT THE OVERALL GIST WAS RIGHT. I MEAN, YOU ARE FLAT-CHESTED AND EVERYTHING.
AND THOSE PAPERS DON'T GET KNOCKED BACK!
MY MOM ALSO NEVER SAYS THAT, AND I DON'T GO AROUND DELIVERING PAPERS!
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE'S ALIVE! UNLIKE YOUR CRAZY DRAMATIZATION!
I'M NOT WRONG ABOUT THE JOBS AND THE PUBLIC HOUSING.
IN ANY CASE, YOU'RE NO PRINCESS RICH KID.
AND I'M NOT WORKING JOBS SO I CAN GET RICH, EITHER!
AND BESIDES-
WELL ...


AFTER YOU PUT ALL THAT EFFORT INTO DECORATING YOURSELF, YOU TAKE THIS SUPERIOR ATTITUDE.
IT'S COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS.
ALL THAT MONEY YOU WORK SO HARD TO EARN, YOU USE IT ON INSANELY EXPENSIVE ACCESSORIES, AND...

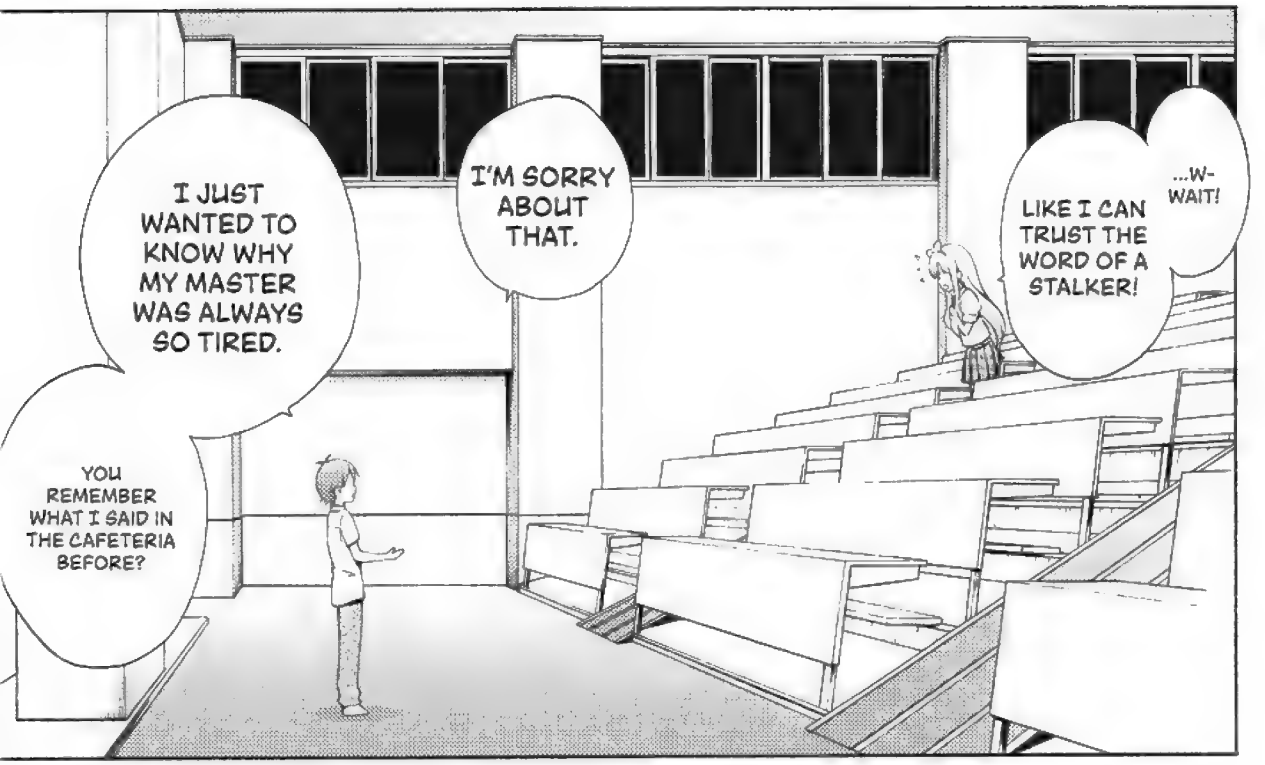
AND GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO WORK HARD IS NOT SOMETHING A PRINCESS WOULD HAVE TO DO.

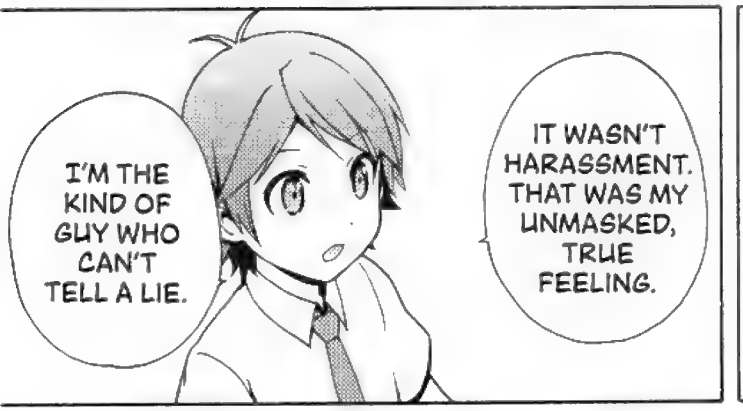
NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS
SHUT UP

I'M DOING IT BECAUSE I WANT TO, SO JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

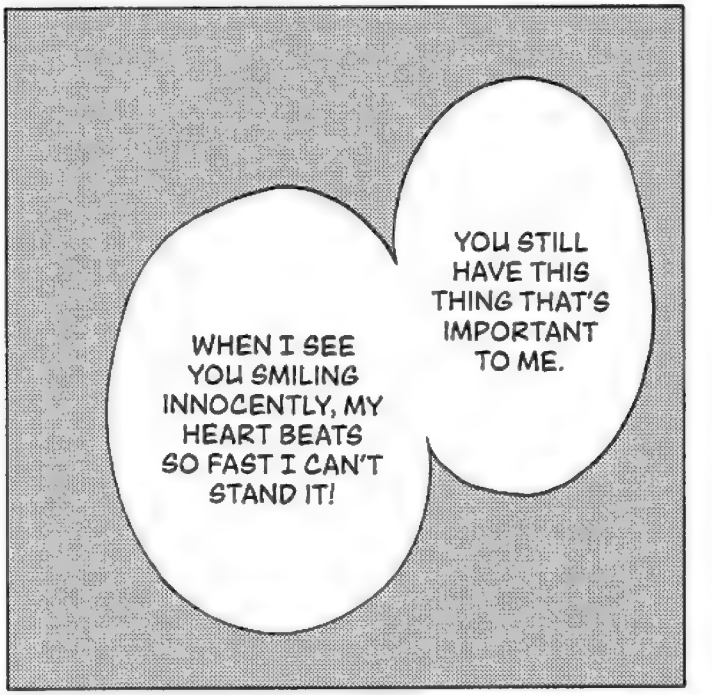
IS IT THAT MUCH FUN DRESSING LIKE THE PRIVILEGED CLASSES, REJECTING EVERY GUY WHO HAS A CRUSH ON YOU, AND LOOKING DOWN ON EVERYONE AROUND YOU?
SO WHAT IF IT IS?
YOU WANNA LECTURE ME LIKE SOME SELF-IMPORTANT BOSS MONKEY?
I'M GOING HOME.
STOP!
I'M NOT DONE—
WELL, I AM.
IF YOU WERE HOPING TO THREATEN ME, TOO BAD.
IF YOU WANT TO TELL ON ME, GO RIGHT AHEAD.
...HEY, AZUSA AZUKI.
IF ME TELLING ON YOU IS GOING TO GIVE YOU GRIEF, WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY SO?

HER TEETH ARE PRACTICALLY CHATTERING.
I-I AM NOT EVEN RE-MOTE-LY...
S-S-SCARED, ALL RIGHT...!
WH-WHAT—
THREATS FROM A HENTAI!
ALMOST LIKE A COSMOS FAIRY ABOUT TO BE PLUCKED.
HONESTLY...
HAVING TOO MUCH PRIDE AND TOO GOOD A FACADE IS A HARDSHIP.
SHE'D HAVE IT SO MUCH EASIER IF SHE JUST GAVE UP MY BIT OF THE FACADE.
R-REALLY?!
ANYWAY, I DEFINITELY WASN'T TRYING TO THREATEN YOU.


I JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHY MY MASTER WAS ALWAYS SO TIRED.
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.
...W-WAIT!
LIKE I CAN TRUST THE WORD OF A STALKER!
YOU REMEMBER WHAT I SAID IN THE CAFETERIA BEFORE?


I'M THE KIND OF GUY WHO CAN'T TELL A LIE.
IT WASN'T HARASSMENT. THAT WAS MY UNMASKED, TRUE FEELING.

HMPH! THAT BIT OF HARASSMENT?

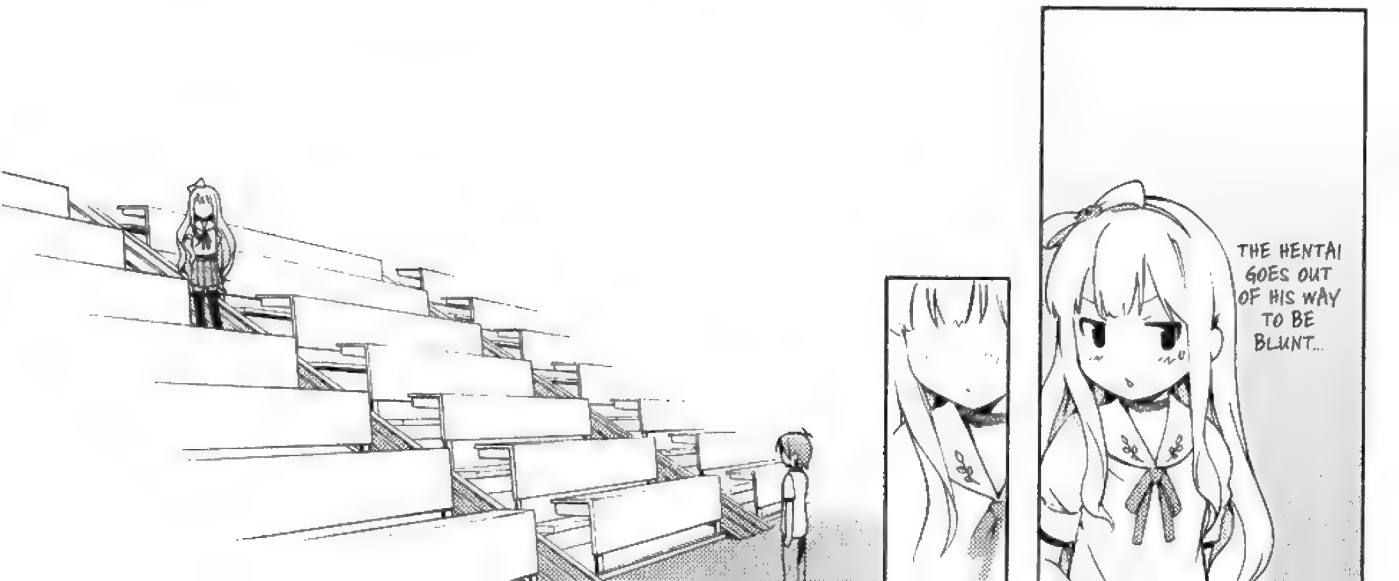

YOU STILL HAVE THIS THING THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME.
WHEN I SEE YOU SMILING INNOCENTLY, MY HEART BEATS SO FAST I CAN'T STAND IT!

THAT CHOKER THAT LOOKS LIKE A BELT MAKES MY HEART BEAT ESPECIALLY FAST.
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
WELL, I GUESS YOU CAN BE IMPUDENT ABOUT THIS KIND OF SHAMEFUL—
WHAT? ARE YOU HENTAI PERVERTS BLUNT NOW?
UMM...
?
WHEN I THINK OF THE SYMBOL OF MY FACADE DECORATING YOUR NECK, I FEEL A PAIN IN MY CHEST AND I WANT TO JUST TEAR IT OFF.
WH-WHAT-EVER.
SO, WHAT NOW? YOU WANTED TO SAY SOME-THING?
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU WORK TOO MUCH, AZUSA AZUKI.
AFTER ALL THE EFFORT TO BECOME YOUR PET, I DON'T EVEN GET TO BE WITH MY MASTER. IT'S HARD.
SO...

HOW ABOUT A DATE ONCE EXAM WEEK IS OVER?
A-A DATE...!
IF A DATE'S NO GOOD, A WALK...
A DOG RACE, THE DOG PARK, ANYTHING WOULD BE GREAT!
URF!

IN ANY CASE, I WANT TO HANG OUT WITH YOU...
...AND GET YOU TO SEE MY GOOD POINTS.
I'D LOVE IT IF YOU'D LET ME HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO YOU, AZUSA AZUKI.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?


THE HENTAI GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO BE BLUNT...

.....FINE.
SLAM
ALL RIGHT!
W-WELL?
IT IS THE DUTY OF THE MASTER TO GIVE HER PET DOG A REWARD SOMETIMES, RIGHT?

YOU WANTED TO GO ON A DATE WITH AZUKI?
IS THAT IT?
I'M GOING ON YOUR DATE, TOO.
HUH?
DID YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID?
WEAKEN HER LONGING FOR THE PRINCESS LIFE, AND SHE'LL NATURALLY STOP NEEDING THAT FACADE. IT'S THE PRAGMATIC APPROACH.
NO.
I FIGURED I'D GET HER TO HANG OUT WITH A PEASANT LIKE ME AND HAVE HER SEE THAT BEING A PEASANT'S NOT BAD.
I'M DEFINITELY GOING.
UH, SURE...
...WHY'S SHE SO PUT OUT?
TO BE CON-TINUED

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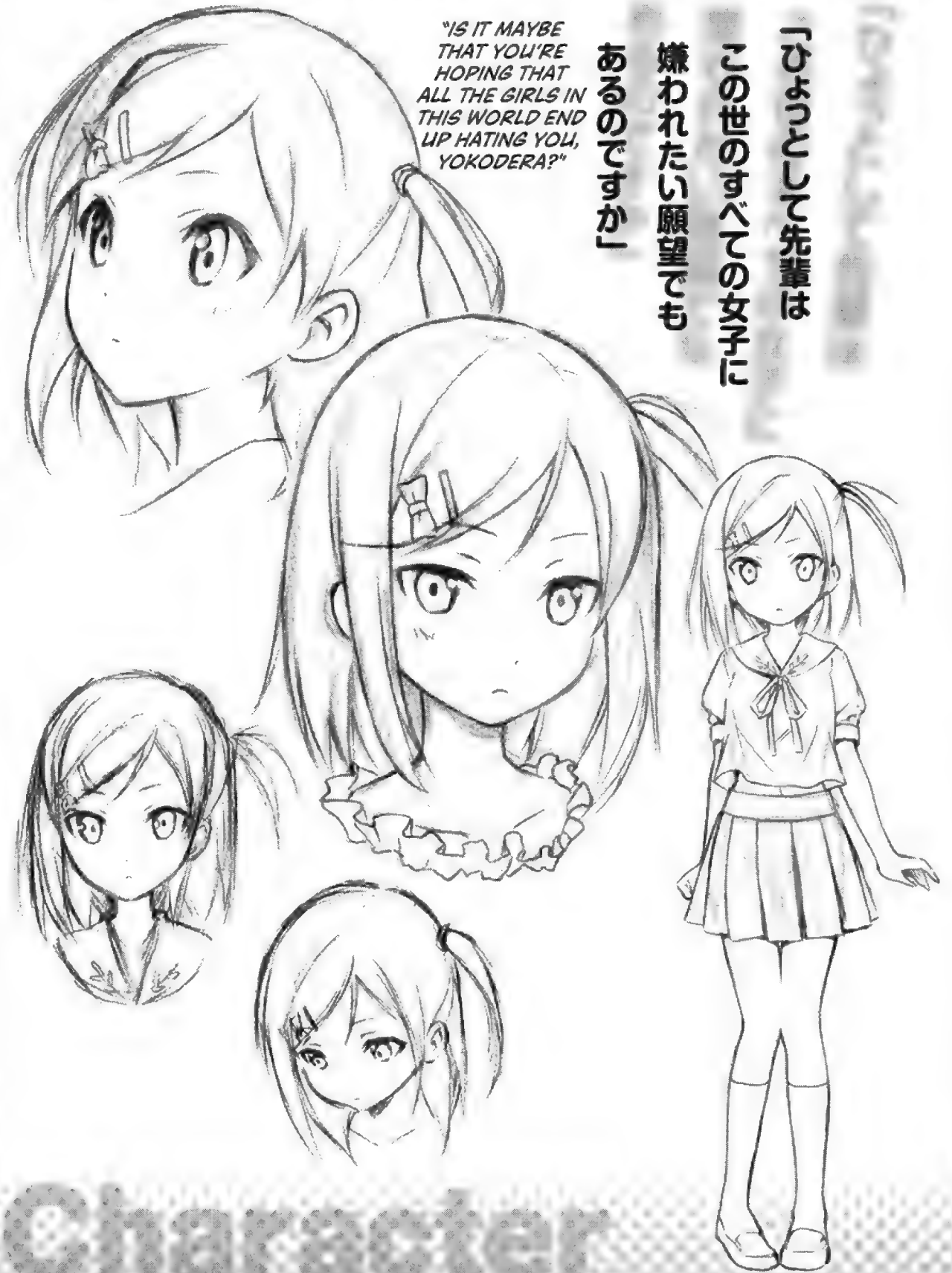
「ひょっとして先輩はこの世のすべての女子に嫌われたい願望でもあるのですか」
"IS IT MAYBE THAT YOU'RE HOPING THAT ALL THE GIRLS IN THIS WORLD END UP HATING YOU, YOKODERA?"

Character

小豆梓

Azusa Azuki

Character

横寺陽人

Youto Yokodera

鋼岡鉄の王

IRON KING Koutetsuno Ou

Character

HELLO, MY NAME IS OKOMEKEN.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME THAT THIS IS NOT MUCH OF A PEN NAME. I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE.

ADAPTING A NOVEL IS REALLY INTERESTING. I DO WONDER, THOUGH, IF LETTING ME TURN SUCH A SPLENDID LIGHT NOVEL INTO A COMIC WAS A GREAT IDEA.

ALL THE CHARACTERS ARE SO CUTE, BUT THE IRON KING DID END UP BEING MY FAVORITE.

HENTAI VOLUME 1 ENDED UP COMING OUT FIRST, AND I GOT SO MUCH HELP FROM YAMADA-SENSEI. I ALSO MANAGED TO BOTHER MY EDITOR T. HASHI A LOT, TOO.

I'M ALSO AN ASSISTANT ON THE MANGA VERSION OF **THE SACRED BLACKSMITH** BY KOTARO YAMADA, AND **BLACKSMITH** AND **HENTAI PRINCE** ARE PRODUCED BY THE SAME STUDIO.

I HOPE WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN VOLUME 2.

WELL THEN, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR READING THIS FAR.

❀ special thanks ❀

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I'm TAMAGO!
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